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The publication, *California Prisoners*, presents statistical information about felons under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections. Although the information has been issued since 1945, the first printed report contained five-year data, 1945-1949. Reports have been published periodically since then. This publication is for the calendar year 1968. The experience for that year is compared with prior years in some tables.

The population under the jurisdiction of the Director of Corrections consists primarily of felons and narcotic addicts received as civil commitments under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 3000 et seq., but also includes Youth Authority wards in Department of Corrections institutions, and persons transferred from other agencies to the Department. The first chapter presents movement data on all these populations. Only the felon population and movement are analyzed in the remainder of the book.

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FOREWORD

The rate of commitment to the Director of Corrections for placement in the prison program or in the civil narcotic addict program has decreased when related to State population. The placement of men and women in the Department of Corrections institutions has not reflected the increased crime trends in California.

The proportions of convicted felony defendants sentenced by the superior court to probation or to jail have increased, the proportion sentenced to prison has decreased. The growth of new programs in California at the local levels such as probation subsidy programs and work furlough may have influenced these trends.

The Department of Corrections population of 28,462 persons on December 31, 1968 was principally felons and persons in the civil narcotic program but also included approximately 1,250 Youth Authority wards.

The Department has industrial programs to teach work habits, vocational training to prepare a person for gainful employment, academic instructions, occupational therapy, parole or outpatient case work, community correctional centers or halfway houses and work and training furlough programs. All planning and programs are to assist men and women to change their behavioral patterns and attitudes so that they will not offend or use narcotics again.

This edition of *California Prisoners* presents a comprehensive statistical picture of the State prison and parole programs for the calendar year 1968. Such reports have been published since 1945. The tables, text, and charts cover a variety of administrative measures. This book has resulted from an ever improving system of statistical record keeping and reporting.

California plans to continue to refine and expand the administrative statistical system in order to better measure the results of the correctional work in this State and to develop more effective methods for the control and rehabilitation of offenders.

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SUMMARY

INSTITUTION POPULATION AND MOVEMENT

The California Department of Corrections institution population was 28,462 persons on December 31, 1968. The population increased by 721 inmates, or 2.6 percent, over the December 31, 1967 figure.

FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT

The rate of male felons newly received from court was 23.6 men per 100,000 State population in 1968. This was a decrease from the rate of 24.9 in 1967, and was also the lowest ratio of male felons newly received from court to State population since 1946.

Offense

For the second year, robbery had the highest admission rate of the male felons received in prison; burglary ranked second. Forgery and check offenses had the highest admission rate for women felons during the past two years.

County or Area of Commitment

Los Angeles County had the greatest number of commitments of male felons. Although the Los Angeles County rate per 100,000 county population was above the statewide level, higher rates of commitment of male felons were experienced by other areas or counties, namely, the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley counties.

Age at Admission

The median age for male felons received from court in 1968 was the lowest, 27.0 years, since data were first available in 1945. The median age of women felons newly received during 1968 was 29.3 years.

Prior Commitment Record

Approximately 57 percent of the male felons newly received from court during 1967 and 1968 had served one or more jail or juvenile sentences prior to this incarceration.

Prior California Prison Record

Only 12.6 percent of the male felons newly received from court during 1968 had previously been discharged after serving a term in the California prison system. Only 16 women (5.6 percent) of the 282

female felons received during 1968 had served a prior California prison sentence before this admission.

Time in State Before Offense

Most felons (70 percent) received in prison during 1968 had lived in California for ten years or more prior to commitment.

Educational Achievement

During the past two years, the median grade achievement scores of male felons newly received from court have been at the eighth grade level.

Narcotic Addiction Record

Narcotic, marijuana, or dangerous drug users represented 40.5 percent of the male felons received in 1968, an increase from the 37.4 percent for 1967.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION IN PRISON

The number of felons in prison was 24,184 on December 31, 1968, approximately 6,200 more than on December 31, 1958. The 1968 prison population consisted of 23,504 men and 680 women.

Offense

Robbery accounted for the highest percentage of male felons in prison. This offense group increased from 20.8 percent of the population in 1958 to 22.4 percent in 1963 and to 25.5 percent in 1968. Women narcotic offenders comprised the highest percentage (23.4 percent) of women felons in prison on December 31, 1968.

Age

The median age of the male felons in prison has never varied more than 1.8 years since 1949. The high median of 33.6 years in 1950 has fluctuated to a low of 31.8 years in 1954, 1965, and 1966. The median age was 32.0 years for male felons and 33.5 years for the women felons in 1968.

Prior Commitment Record

Slightly over 44 percent of the male felons in prison on December 31, 1968, had served at least one prior prison commitment.

Status With Reference to Parole

Over 70 percent of the male felons in prison on December 31, 1968, had not been paroled since commitment.

FELONS RELEASED FROM PRISON

Parole

The 6,021 male felons released from prison to parole during 1968 was the least number released since 1963. Of these men paroled, 3,564 felons were released to parole supervision for the first time. This was the smallest number of men first paroled since 1958. This drop in the

number of men first paroled reflects the decrease in the number of men newly received from court during the past few years.

Discharge From Prison at Expiration of Sentence

The 15 months median time served by male felons in prison before first release by discharge from prison at expiration of sentence in 1967 increased to 18 months for men so discharged in 1968.

FELON PAROLE POPULATION AND MOVEMENT

For every 100,000 persons in California there were approximately 59 felons on active parole from the Department of Corrections' facilities as of December 31, 1968. The rate of 59.3 felons on parole per 100,000 State population was slightly lower than the 61.1 rate at the close of 1967.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FELONS ON PAROLE

The male felon parole population of 10,764 men at the end of 1968 was an increase of 59.1 percent over the 6,765 men under parole supervision at the close of 1958. Women felons on parole increased 65.7 percent from 645 women on December 31, 1958 to 1,069 women at the end of 1968.

Offense

Narcotic offenders comprised the largest offense group of male felons on parole as of December 31, 1968. Of the major offense groups the narcotic offense group has shown the most significant change in the proportion of men on parole during the period 1958 through 1968. The percentage of male felons on parole for narcotic offenses increased from 14.0 percent of the total in 1958 to 20.1 percent in 1963 and then to 21.3 percent at the end of 1968.

Women felons under parole supervision for forgery and check offenses have ranked first in the percentage distribution of offenses for the past 18 years, except for 1964 when the narcotics group was slightly greater.

PAROLE SUSPENSION

The percentage of male felons suspended before the end of the calendar year of parole was 18.3 percent of those paroled to California supervision in 1968, the lowest since 1961 when 15.3 percent were suspended before the end of the year of parole.

FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE

The 3,349 persons discharged from parole during 1968 had successfully completed parole. The 3,100 men discharged represented 512 less than the number discharged in 1967 and the 249 women discharged were 34 more women than were discharged from parole in 1967.

Time Served in Prison and on Parole

During the past 19 years, many fluctuations occurred in the medians of time served in prison before first parole and on parole before discharge. However, men discharged from first parole had served as much or more time in prison before parole than on parole in all but three years of discharge.

Offense

Male felons discharged from first parole in 1968 who had been convicted of murder second degree served the greatest length of time in prison before parole, 66 months, and on parole before discharge, 36 months, of any of the offense groups.

FELONS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA PRISON

The proportion of men returned to prison during the year of release was 7.4 percent in 1968, the lowest percentage since these data were recorded. The proportion of women returned to prison during the year of release was 8.1 percent in 1962 and in 1968, again the lowest percentage since recorded data. Opiate derivative and marijuana offenders released in 1968 had the highest percentage of male felons returned to prison during the year of release of any of the five offense groups studied, a return of 9.5 percent by the end of the year.

INSTITUTION POPULATION AND MOVEMENT

The California Department of Corrections institution population was 28,462 persons on December 31, 1968. The population increased by 721 inmates, or by 2.6 percent, over the December 31, 1967 figure. The institution population included felons, Youth Authority wards, persons committed under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 3000 et seq. as civil narcotic addicts, and persons transferred to the Department from other agencies.

There were 142.7 inmates in the Department of Corrections institutions on December 31, 1968, for every 100,000 persons in California. This rate was slightly higher than the rates for the three prior years, Table 1. Chart I portrays the growths in State population and in the Department of Corrections institution population from 1950 through 1968 and projects these populations through 1975.

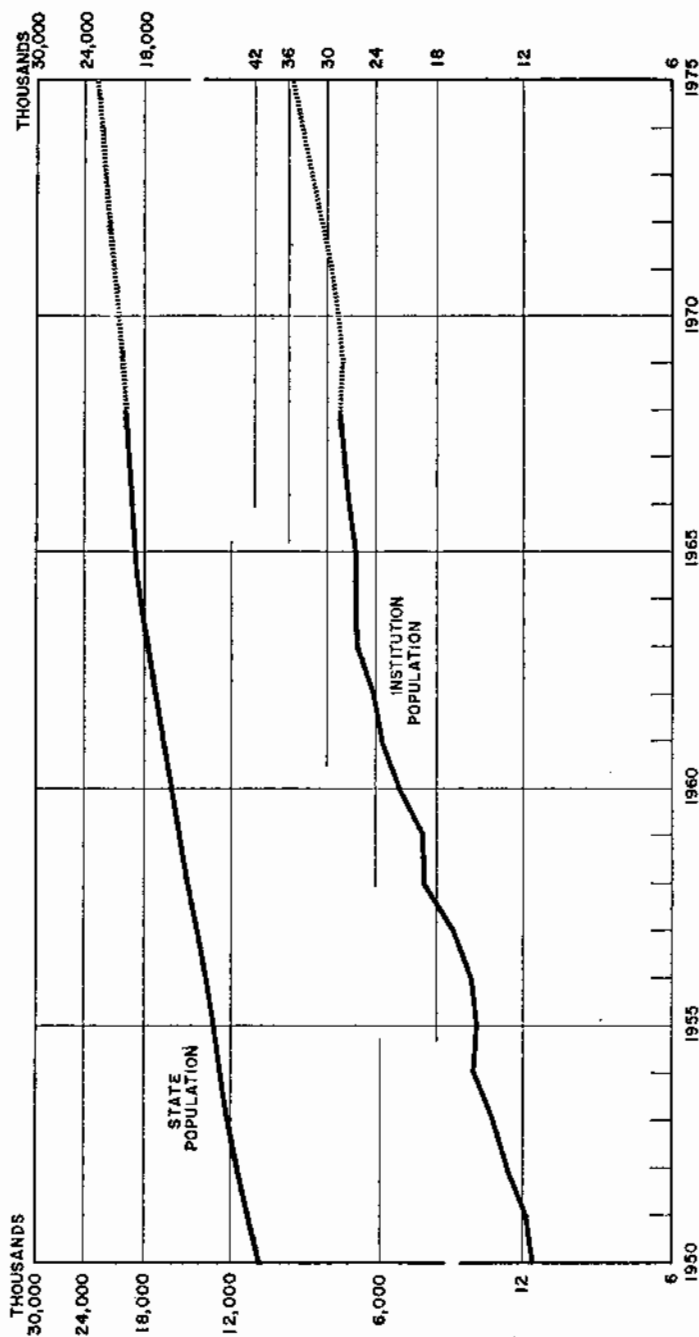
TABLE 1
INSTITUTION POPULATION, RATE PER CALIFORNIA POPULATION
AND ANNUAL CHANGE IN INSTITUTION POPULATION
December 31, 1950 through 1968

December 31	Institution population	Rate of institution population per 100,000 State population*	Annual change in institution population	
			Number	Percent
1950.....	11,598	106.5	699	6.4
1951.....	11,939	104.9	341	2.9
1952.....	13,169	110.9	1,230	10.3
1953.....	14,149	114.9	980	7.4
1954.....	15,376	120.5	1,227	8.7
1955.....	15,230	114.6	-146	-0.9
1956.....	15,532	111.9	302	2.0
1957.....	16,918	117.0	1,386	8.9
1958.....	19,202	127.9	2,284	13.5
1959.....	19,290	123.9	97	0.5
1960.....	21,660	134.1	2,361	12.2
1961.....	23,927	142.6	2,267	10.5
1962.....	24,032	138.2	105	0.4
1963.....	26,133	145.4	2,101	8.7
1964.....	26,483	143.0	350	1.3
1965.....	26,325	140.4	-158	-0.6
1966.....	27,467	141.1	1,142	4.3
1967.....	27,741	140.3	274	1.0
1968.....	28,462	142.7	721	2.6

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

The Department of Corrections operates thirteen major institutions. The population of twelve of the institutions is principally felons while the California Rehabilitation Center at Corona is an institution for persons who have civil commitments to the Director of Corrections for treatment of narcotic addiction.

CHART I
CALIFORNIA AND INSTITUTION POPULATION, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
1950 - 1975



The Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Departments of Conservation and Public Works, administers the conservation program which employs male felons. On December 31, 1968, there were 2,503 inmates engaged in conservation work in 33 forestry and road camps throughout the State. The California Conservation Center, Sierra Conservation Center, Southern Conservation Center, and California Mens Colony are the institutions responsible for the custody and training of the inmates engaged in conservation and road work. Men are trained in the conservation centers prior to being sent to the camps, many of which are in remote areas of the State. Felons engaged in conservation work accounted for approximately 11 percent of the male felon institution population on December 31, 1968. The camp population is shown in Table 2 and in Appendix I.

TABLE 2
TYPES OF POPULATION
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS
December 31, 1967 and 1968

Type of population	Population as of		Population change 1968 less 1967
	12-31-67	12-31-68	
Total population.....	27,741	28,462	721
Male total.....	26,658	27,396	738
Felons.....	22,904	23,504	600
Regular units.....	22,719	23,176	457
Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit (suspended).....	82	61	-21
Short term return unit.....	101	101	--
Felon addict program.....	--	32	32
Community correctional center.....	--	47	47
Work furlough.....	22	87	65
Felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit (non-suspended).....	102	71	-31
Youth Authority.....	1,228	980	-248
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Sec- tion 3000 et seq.....	2,070	2,517	447
Other.....	354	324	-30
Women total.....	1,083	1,066	-17
Felons.....	764	680	-84
Regular units.....	762	659	-103
Community correctional center.....	--	15	15
Work furlough.....	2	6	4
Youth Authority.....	17	13	-4
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	283	339	56
Other.....	19	34	15
Institution total.....	23,602	24,211	609
Reception-Guidance Center total.....	1,640	1,655	15
Camp total.....	2,475	2,503	28
State forestry camps.....	2,356	2,387	31
Road camps.....	119	116	-3
Work furlough total.....	24	93	69

Note: For detailed information by institution, see Appendix I.

The largest proportion of persons in California Department of Corrections institutions are felons, committed to the Director of Corrections by the superior courts. Total felons in prison on December 31, 1968, numbered 23,504 men and 680 women, excluding 71 male felon parolees housed in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units. Included in the institution count are 87 men and 6 women in the work or training furlough programs. These persons work in the community in civilian (non-prison) jobs or attend vocational training classes. Some return to the institution after working hours while others reside in local facilities, such as the county jail, rather than return to the institution in their free time.

The institution population also includes persons in two new programs started during 1968. These programs are the felon addict program and the institution based community correctional center. The felon addict program designed for felons with a narcotic addiction problem had 32 men participating in the program at California Correctional Institution, Tehachapi. These felons should not be confused with persons in the civil narcotic addict program, some of whom are located at the same facility.

The Department has an institution based community correctional center program which accounted for 47 men and 15 women felons on December 31, 1968. Similar to the furlough programs, these persons live in the correctional center and work in the community in non-prison jobs. All but two men were housed at the California Institution for Men while all of the women were housed at the California Institution for Women. The last chapter of this book explains more about the furlough and the community correctional programs.

The California Rehabilitation Center institution program had 2,517 men and 339 women on December 31, 1968. This was a 22 percent increase in the number of men at the end of the previous year and a 20 percent increase in the number of women. This significant increase in one year necessitated the expansion of the Rehabilitation Center institution program to another institution. The California Correctional Institution at Tehachapi was designated for this program. It housed 500 male civil narcotic addicts on December 31, 1968, or about 20 percent of all civil narcotic addicts in the institution program, while 1,891 men, or 75 percent, were at the Rehabilitation Center at Corona. The remaining five percent were scattered throughout four other Department institutions. All but two of the 339 women were at the California Rehabilitation Center at Corona. During 1968, plans were initiated to transfer the women civil narcotic addicts from the Rehabilitation Center institution to facilities at Patton State Hospital. It is expected that the women will be transferred during June, 1969, and the Rehabilitation Center at Corona will house men only.

The California Rehabilitation Center program for civil narcotic addicts was established by the California Legislature and began in September, 1961. The program is conducted by the Department of Corrections and features the compulsory inpatient treatment of persons

who are addicted to narcotics or who are found to be in imminent danger of becoming addicted. Persons are committed to the Director of Corrections under Section 3000 et seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Statistical data on civil narcotic addicts are included only in this chapter on Institution Population and Movement but are excluded in the remainder of the book.

The Department of Corrections was providing care and treatment for 980 male Youth Authority wards and 13 female wards on December 31, 1968, a decrease of 248 men and 4 women from the prior year end figures. The Denel Vocational Institution at Tracy housed 90 percent of the male Youth Authority wards while the remaining 10 percent were in the California Medical Facility, the Reception-Guidance Center at the California Institution for Men, and the California Rehabilitation Center. The California Institution for Women housed seven of the female Youth Authority wards while California Rehabilitation Center housed six wards.

On December 31, 1968, the Department of Corrections also was caring for 164 men and 32 women as county diagnostic cases, 147 male mentally disordered sex offenders, nine men from prisons of other states, three male safekeepers, two women federal prisoners, and one man held for the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Although there were 721 more persons in the Department institutions on December 31, 1968 than on the prior December 31, this increase was the net result of both increases and decreases in the types of population in the Department. The number of felons increased by 600 men and decreased by 84 women. The number of civil narcotic addicts increased by 447 men and 56 women. The Youth Authority population in the Department decreased by 248 men and four women. Other changes in the population count are shown in Appendix II A and Appendix II B.

The movement of men and women into and out of the facilities determines the institution population. Table 3. The two principal movements of inmates received in the facilities are persons newly received from court and persons who are returned as violators from parole or outpatient status. The two principal types of outgo from the institutions are direct discharge at expiration of sentence and release to parole or outpatient status supervision. The movements of population into and out of the Department institutions are more detailed in Appendix II A and Appendix II B.

Persons newly received from court during 1968 numbered 4,949 felons and 1,783 narcotic addicts under civil commitments, a total of 6,732. In addition, 2,934 felons were returned to prison from parole supervision and 1,869 persons were returned to the institution program from outpatient status.

A total of 440 felons were discharged from the institutions at the expiration of their sentences during 1968. The total number of felons released to parole was 6,614 during 1968, of which 249 persons were reparaoled from the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units and 230 persons

TABLE 3—1967
INSTITUTION POPULATION AND MOVEMENT
1967

Type of movement	Total population	Men					Women		
		Total	Felons			Other†	Total	Felons	Other†
			Total	Institution	NTCU*	Short term return unit			
Population, January 1	27,467	26,248	22,666	22,553	65	48	1,219	897	322
Total received	20,264	19,015	10,859	10,256	302	301	1,249	605	644
New commitments from court	6,789	6,300	4,872	4,872	--	--	489	272	217
Parolees returned	4,724	4,283	3,012	2,414	298	300	441	258	183
With new commitment	1,037	991	847	847	--	--	46	29	17
Without new commitment	3,687	3,292	2,165	1,567	298	300	395	229	166
Escapes returned	259	257	257	257	--	--	2	2	--
Returned from court	3,052	2,942	2,277	2,272	4	1	865	51	69
Returned from State hospitals	16	3	3	3	--	--	13	11	2

From Youth Authority.....	2,837	2,819	--	--	2,819	19	--	18
From parole to NTCU*	629	629	--	--	629	176	--	--
All other†	1,958	1,782	438	438	1,344	176	11	105
Total released.....	19,990	18,005	10,021	10,068	7,984	1,385	738	647
Discharged at expiration of sentence.....	664	646	630	621	16	16	18	--
First release (never paroled).....	282	280	279	279	1	2	2	--
Re-release.....	382	366	351	342	--	15	15	--
Paroled.....	9,823	8,828	6,709	6,241	183	985	623	372
First parole.....	5,698	5,165	4,012	4,012	--	523	334	189
Reparole.....	4,135	3,663	2,697	2,229	183	986	472	183
Died.....	95	92	86	86	--	3	3	--
Executed.....	1	1	1	1	--	6	3	--
Escaped.....	286	282	279	278	--	--	--	--
To court.....	3,139	3,027	2,340	2,333	1	3	4	1
To State hospitals.....	16	4	4	4	2	687	112	61
To Youth Authority.....	2,736	2,713	--	--	--	12	11	1
To parole from NTCU*.....	644	644	--	--	--	2713	23	23
All other†.....	2,886	2,368	572	504	--	644	--	--
Population, December 31.....	27,741	26,858	22,904	22,741	15	1,798	218	189
Population change.....	274	410	238	188	62	3,754	1,083	319
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* Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

† Includes narcotic addicts civilly committed under W & I Code 3000 et seq., felon parolees not suspended in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit, Youth Authority wards, recalcitrant tuberculars, mentally disordered sex offenders, felons from other states, county diagnostic cases, Mental Hygiene cases, federal prisoners, and intemperates.

‡ Includes persons discharged by court order; transferred among institution, Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit, and short term return unit; and released for parole job interview.

Note: For detailed information see Appendix II.

TABLE 3—1968
INSTITUTION POPULATION AND MOVEMENT
1968

Type of movement	Total population	Men						Women		
		Total	Felon					Total	Felon	Other†
			Total	Institution	NTCU*	Short term return unit	Felon addict program			
Population, January 1.....	27,741	28,658	22,904	22,741	62	101	--	1,083	764	319
Total received.....	20,614	19,292	10,825	10,180	268	331	46	1,822	620	702
New commitments from court.....	6,732	6,222	4,667	4,667	--	--	--	610	282	228
Parolees returned.....	4,803	4,334	2,693	2,074	260	320	39	469	241	228
With new commitment.....	931	876	703	703	--	--	--	55	35	20
Without new commitment.....	3,872	3,458	1,990	1,371	260	320	39	414	206	208
Escapees returned.....	253	242	240	240	--	--	--	11	10	1
Returned from court.....	3,364	3,242	2,698	2,689	5	1	3	122	71	61
Returned from State hospitals.....	22	8	8	8	--	--	--	14	13	1

From Youth Authority.....	2,783	2,774	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	9	--	--	9
From parole to NTCD*.....	509	509	--	--	5	5	10	--	--	--	187	3	3	184
All other†.....	2,148	1,981	519	502	--	--	--	--	4	--	1,452	--	--	635
Total released.....	19,893	18,554	10,223	9,615	269	331	10	10	10	8,329	1,339	704	704	635
Discharged at expiration of sentence.....	466	453	420	420	2	7	--	--	--	24	13	11	11	2
First release (never paroled).....	205	203	203	203	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	2	--
Re-release.....	261	250	228	217	2	7	--	--	--	--	11	9	9	2
Paroled.....	9,496	8,529	6,021	5,539	249	230	--	--	3	2,508	907	593	593	374
First parole.....	5,275	4,762	3,564	3,564	--	--	--	--	--	1,198	513	318	318	195
Reparole.....	4,221	3,767	2,457	1,975	249	230	--	--	3	1,310	454	275	275	179
Died.....	100	100	94	93	1	--	--	--	--	6	--	--	--	--
Executed.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Escaped.....	257	243	230	238	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
To court.....	3,483	3,364	2,786	2,776	4	1	--	--	5	578	121	89	89	52
To State hospital.....	22	8	8	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	12	12	2
To Youth Authority.....	3,053	8,020	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,020	13	--	--	13
To parole from NTCD*.....	540	540	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	540	--	--	--	--
All other†.....	2,494	2,297	648	541	12	93	--	--	2	1,649	197	6	6	191
Population, December 31.....	28,462	27,396	23,504	23,306	61	101	36	36	36	3,892	1,088	680	680	388
Population change.....	721	738	600	565	-1	--	--	--	36	138	-17	-84	-84	67

* Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

† Includes narcotic addicts civilly committed under W & I Code section 3000 et seq., felon parolees not suspended in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit, Youth Authority wards and others.

‡ Includes those discharged by court order, transferred between institution and Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit, short term return unit, felon addit program, released for pre-arrest job interview and others. Others include recalcitrant tuberculars, mentally disordered sex offenders, psychopathic delinquents, other states' felons, county diagnostic cases, federal prisoners and escapees.

Note: For detailed information see Appendix II.

were reparaoled from the short term return units. There were also 2,882 persons released to outpatient supervision from the Rehabilitation Center institution program while 26 persons were discharged from the institution.

The remaining chapters of this book pertain to felons in prison and on parole. Persons in the California Rehabilitation Center program are excluded from the remaining chapters, but comparable information about them may be obtained from the report *Summary Statistics, Civil Commitment Program for Narcotic Addicts, 1968*.

FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT

The rate of male felons newly received from court was 23.6 men per 100,000 State population in 1968. This was a decrease from the rate of 24.9 in 1967, and was also the lowest ratio of male felons newly received from court to State population since 1916. The women felon rate in 1968 was 1.4 women per 100,000 State population, which was exactly the same as the 1967 rate.

Felons newly received in prison from the California Superior Courts during 1968 numbered 4,949 persons, of which 4,667 were men and 282 were women. Over the last three years the number of felons newly received from court has decreased each year from a high of 6,004 felons in 1965 to a low of 4,949 in 1968. This 1968 figure is the lowest felon intake from court since the year 1957, Table 4.

A person is counted as a felon newly received from court when he has been sentenced for a felony offense in a California Superior Court and delivered to the Director of Corrections, and the felon is not already serving a felony sentence in the Department of Corrections.

TABLE 4
COMMITMENT RATE PER 100,000 CALIFORNIA POPULATION
FELON PRISONERS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1950 through 1968

Year	Total		Men		Women	
	Number	Rate per 100,000 State population*	Number	Rate per 100,000 State population*	Number	Rate per 100,000 State population*
1950.....	3,122	29.3	2,983	28.0	139	1.3
1951.....	3,252	29.3	3,097	27.9	155	1.4
1952.....	3,610	31.1	3,426	29.5	184	1.6
1953.....	4,071	33.7	3,892	32.2	179	1.5
1954.....	4,232	33.8	4,003	32.0	229	1.8
1955.....	3,688	28.0	3,461	26.6	177	1.4
1956.....	4,432	32.7	4,179	30.8	253	1.9
1957.....	4,803	33.9	4,570	32.3	233	1.6
1958.....	5,411	36.7	5,146	34.9	265	1.8
1959.....	5,718	37.4	5,436	35.5	292	1.9
1960.....	6,028	38.0	5,701	35.9	327	2.1
1961.....	6,214	37.8	5,842	35.5	372	2.3
1962.....	5,164	30.2	4,879	28.5	285	1.7
1963.....	5,289	30.0	5,030	28.5	259	1.5
1964.....	5,307	29.1	4,983	27.3	324	1.8
1965.....	6,004	32.0	5,626	30.0	378	2.0
1966.....	5,525	28.8	5,169	26.9	356	1.9
1967.....	5,144	26.3	4,872	24.9	272	1.4
1968.....	4,949	25.0	4,667	23.6	282	1.4

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

Felons sentenced in the superior court to the custody of the Director of Corrections are received at a reception-guidance center. If committed under an indeterminate or life sentence, a male felon is received in the Department at the California Medical Facility Reception-Guidance Center located at Vacaville, or at the California Institution for Men Reception-Guidance Center located at Chino. Men sentenced to death are received at San Quentin Prison. Women felons are received at the California Institution for Women Reception-Guidance Center. The Department also operates a reception-guidance center at the Deuel Vocational Institution at Tracy which processes the older male Youth Authority wards.

The purpose of the reception-guidance centers is to allow specially trained staff to study each prisoner's criminal, sociological, medical, psychological, and employment background. From this study the staff prepares a case history which is kept current while the person is in prison or on parole. The correctional staff uses the case history as a guide to the individual inmate's training and treatment needs while under the Department of Corrections jurisdiction.

This record of the inmate's behavior, before and after admission to the institution and while under parole supervision, is one of the statistical source documents for this report.

The statistical data in this chapter are subdivided into three categories. In the first, the number of persons newly received from court is related to the number of persons in California; in the second, the number and percentage distribution of the characteristics of the persons received in 1967 and 1968 are compared; and in the third, the relationship of offense groups to other selected demographic characteristics is shown.

OFFENSE

For the second year, robbery had the highest admission rate of the male felons received in prison; burglary ranked second. These respective rates in 1968 were 4.58 and 3.90 per 100,000 State population. The highest admission rate for women felons during the past two years was forgery and check offenses. However, this rate was very low, being 0.34 women per 100,000 State population.

The offense causing commitment to prison is one of the most important factors available for distinguishing between types of felons. Some inmates are received in prison with more than one conviction, but only the most serious offense, as indicated by the maximum punishment prescribed by law, is used in this report.

Rate Per 100,000 State Population

The 1968 male felon commitment rates decreased from the 1967 rates for each offense except homicide and assault. Although the male felon commitment rate per 100,000 State population dropped 5.4 percent from the 24.94 rate of 1967 to the 23.59 rate for 1968, some offenses

TABLE 5A
OFFENSE GROUPS AND COMMITMENT RATE
PER 100,000 CALIFORNIA POPULATION
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Offense	1967		1968		Percent change in rate 1968 over 1967
	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	
Total.....	4,872	24.94	4,667	23.59	-5.4
Homicide.....	293	1.50	327	1.65	10.0
Murder 1st.....	76	--	108	--	--
Murder 2nd.....	109	--	118	--	--
Manslaughter.....	93	--	95	--	--
Manslaughter by vehicle.....	15	--	6	--	--
Robbery.....	929	4.76	906	4.58	-3.8
Robbery 1st.....	806	--	596	--	--
Robbery 2nd.....	257	--	263	--	--
Other.....	66	--	47	--	--
Assault.....	317	1.62	336	1.70	4.9
Assault with deadly weapon.....	230	--	243	--	--
Other.....	87	--	93	--	--
Burglary.....	838	4.29	772	3.90	-9.1
Burglary 1st.....	99	--	108	--	--
Burglary 2nd.....	715	--	633	--	--
Other.....	24	--	31	--	--
Theft except auto.....	404	2.07	387	1.96	-5.3
Grand theft.....	221	--	195	--	--
Petty theft with prior.....	23	--	27	--	--
Receiving stolen property.....	118	--	113	--	--
Other.....	42	--	52	--	--
Auto theft.....	237	1.21	218	1.10	-9.1
Forgery and checks.....	541	2.77	463	2.34	-15.5
Sex offenses.....	318	1.63	305	1.54	-5.5
Rape.....	110	--	116	--	--
Lewd act with child.....	127	--	121	--	--
Other.....	81	--	68	--	--
Narcotics.....	667	3.41	631	3.19	-6.5
Opiate derivative.....	197	--	184	--	--
Marijuana.....	426	--	398	--	--
Dangerous drugs.....	44	--	49	--	--
Other offenses.....	328	1.68	322	1.63	-3.0
Deadly weapon.....	40	--	38	--	--
Drunk driving.....	27	--	17	--	--
Failure to render aid.....	10	--	3	--	--
Abortion.....	4	--	5	--	--
Arson.....	10	--	12	--	--
Escape from jail or county camp.....	117	--	116	--	--
Kidnapping.....	54	--	60	--	--
Other.....	66	--	71	--	--

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

experienced much greater decreases. The largest decrease was a 15.5 percent decrease in the rate for the forgery and check offenders, dropping from 2.77 commitments per 100,000 State population to 2.34 in 1968. This was followed by a nine percent decrease in both the burglary and auto theft rates of commitments. Robbery, the most frequent offense group, was down 3.8 percent.

The homicide rate increased 10 percent from a 1.5 commitment rate in 1967 to a 1.7 rate in 1968. The commitment rate per 100,000 State population for each major offense group and the percentage change in these rates for 1967 and 1968 are shown in Table 5A for male felons.

The women felon commitment rate per 100,000 State population was 1.42 in 1968 as compared to 1.39 in 1967, an increase of only 2.2 percent, Table 5B. Although the forgery and check offense group had the highest commitment rate for both 1967 and 1968, the 1968 commitment rate per 100,000 State population showed a 20.9 percent decrease, from 0.43 women per 100,000 population in 1967 to 0.34 in 1968. The

TABLE 5B
OFFENSE GROUPS AND COMMITMENT RATE
PER 100,000 CALIFORNIA POPULATION
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Offense	1967		1968		Percent change in rate 1968 over 1967
	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	
Total.....	272	1.39	282	1.42	2.2
Homicide.....	30	0.15	46	0.23	53.3
Murder 1st.....	3	--	5	--	--
Murder 2nd.....	6	--	14	--	--
Manslaughter.....	21	--	27	--	--
Robbery.....	22	--	24	--	--
Assault.....	21	--	19	--	--
Burglary.....	24	--	13	--	--
Theft.....	42	0.22	48	0.24	9.1
Forgery and checks.....	83	0.43	68	0.34	-20.9
Sex offenses.....	3	--	--	--	--
Narcotics.....	37	0.19	51	0.26	36.8
Opiate derivative.....	12	--	22	--	--
Marijuana.....	22	--	21	--	--
Dangerous drugs.....	3	--	8	--	--
Other offenses.....	10	--	13	--	--

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

rates for both the homicide and the narcotic offense groups increased in 1968, with the percentage change showing increases of 53.3 percent and 36.8 percent, respectively.

Percentage Distribution

The offense groups form two divisions when expressed in percentages of the total number of male felons newly received from court.

Robbery, burglary, narcotics, and forgery and check offenses make up the first division. These offenses each account for about 10 to 20 percent of the men newly received from court in 1968. Overall, they accounted for over 59 percent of men newly received in prison. The decline in the percentage of the male felons received for forgery and check offenses during the past ten years is more noticeable in Chart II-A than in Table 6A.

TABLE 6A
OFFENSE GROUPS EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGES
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Offense	1967	1968
Number of males.....	4,872	4,667
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0
Homicide.....	6.0	7.0
Robbery.....	19.1	19.4
Assault.....	6.5	7.2
Burglary.....	17.2	16.6
Theft except auto.....	8.3	8.3
Auto theft.....	4.9	4.7
Forgery and checks.....	11.1	9.9
Rape.....	2.2	2.5
Other sex.....	4.3	4.0
Narcotics.....	13.7	13.5
Escape.....	2.4	2.5
Habitual criminal.....	--	--
Other offenses.....	4.3	4.4

The four major offense groups of women felons newly received from court accounted for 76 percent of the women felons so received. These offense groups were forgery and checks with 24.1 percent, narcotics with 18.1 percent, theft with 17.0 percent, and homicide with 16.3 percent, Table 6B.

The offense groups expressed in percentages are portrayed in Chart II-B for women felons for each year since 1958.

CHART II A
 OFFENSE GROUPS EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGES
 MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1958 THROUGH 1968

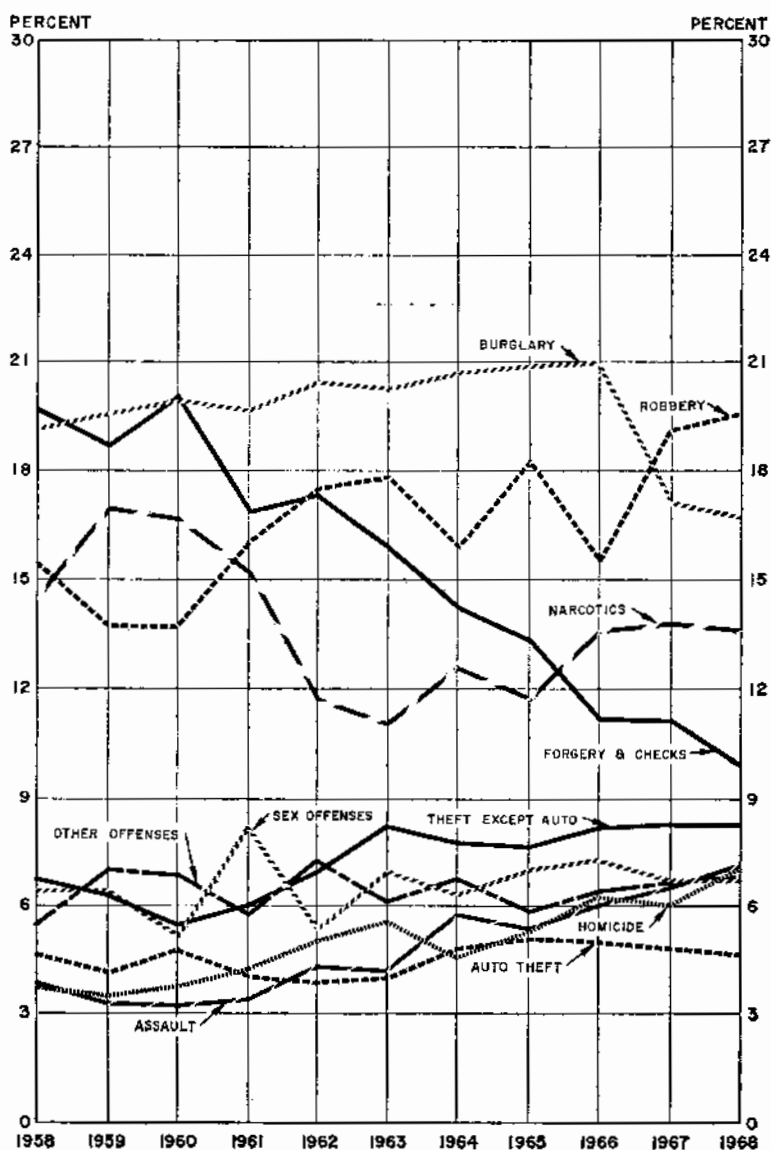


TABLE 6B
OFFENSE GROUPS EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGES
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Offense	1967	1968
Number of women.....	272	282
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0
Homicide.....	11.0	16.3
Robbery.....	8.1	8.5
Assault.....	7.7	6.8
Burglary.....	8.8	4.6
Theft.....	15.5	17.0
Forgery and checks.....	30.5	24.1
Sex offenses.....	1.1	0.0
Narcotics.....	13.6	18.1
Other offenses.....	3.7	4.6

COUNTY OR AREA OF COMMITMENT

Los Angeles County had the greatest number of commitments of male felons. Although the Los Angeles County rate per 100,000 county population was above the statewide level, higher rates of commitment of male felons were experienced by other areas or counties, namely the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley counties.

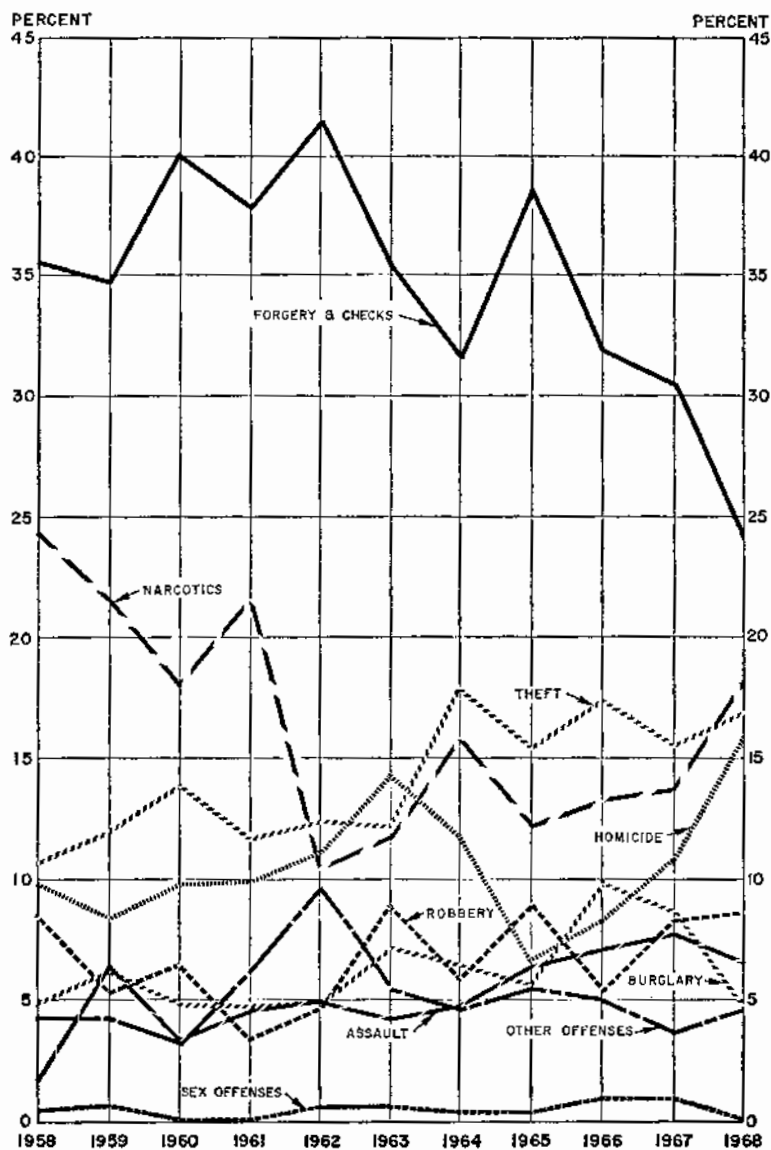
The ten Sacramento Valley counties grouped as an area had the highest male felon commitment rate per 100,000 area population in 1967 and 1968, 37.39 and 37.52 respectively. Excluding Alameda County and San Francisco County, the seven other San Francisco Bay Area counties had the lowest commitment rate during the two-year period.

The California counties have been grouped into geographical sub-areas to aid in studying the location from which felons were sent to prison. These areas are shown in Table 7A for male felons and Table 7B for women felons. If a person has been received in prison with felony commitments from more than one county, the county of the most serious crime is recorded statistically in this report.

Los Angeles County had the greatest number of women felons committed in 1968, but showed a 5.5 percent decrease in the rate of commitments per 100,000 Los Angeles County population, from 1.64 women per 100,000 population in 1967 to 1.55 in 1968. At the same time, the San Francisco Bay Area commitment rate increased from 0.60 in 1967 to 1.11 in 1968, Table 7B.

The number of male felons and women felons newly received from court during 1967 and 1968, by each county of commitment, is shown in Appendix III.

CHART II B
 OFFENSE GROUPS EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGES
 WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1958 THROUGH 1968



AGE AT ADMISSION

The median age for male felons received from court in 1968 was the lowest, 27.0 years, since data were first available in 1945. The percentage of male felons received under 25 years has increased each year but one since 1959, causing a lowered median age. The percentage of male felons received under 21 years of age has not shown the steady increase since 1959 as did the percentage under 25 years of age; but this percentage has increased each year since 1963 except for 1966, Table 8A. The median represents that point in a distribution at which one-half of the cases are below and one-half of the cases are above.

The median age of women felons newly received from court in 1968 was 29.3 years, slightly lower than the 29.6 year median in 1967, Table 8B.

Approximately 36 percent of the male felons newly received from court in 1967 and in 1968 were in the 20-24 year age group. Another 21 percent of the male felons were in the 25-29 year age group, or about 57 percent of the male felons were from 20-29 years of age, Table 9A.

The women under 25 years of age at admission comprised almost 30 percent of those newly received from court in 1968. An additional 23.4 percent were in the 25-29 year age group, or 53 percent were under 30 years of age, Table 9B.

TABLE 7A
COMMITMENT RATE BY COUNTY OR AREA
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

County or area of commitment	1967		1968		Percent change in rate 1968 over 1967
	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	
Total.....	4,872	24.94	4,667	23.59	-5.4
Southern California.....	3,117	26.42	2,912	24.31	-8.0
Los Angeles County.....	1,895	26.94	1,824	25.69	-4.6
9 other counties.....	1,222	25.63	1,088	22.31	-13.0
San Francisco Bay Area.....	718	15.90	693	15.10	-5.0
Alameda County.....	190	17.83	181	16.82	-5.1
San Francisco County.....	195	26.09	165	22.04	-15.5
7 other counties.....	333	12.32	347	12.52	1.6
Balance of State.....	1,037	32.21	1,062	33.05	2.6
10 Sacramento Valley counties.....	418	37.39	419	37.52	0.4
7 San Joaquin Valley counties.....	428	32.82	465	35.64	8.6
22 other counties.....	191	23.94	178	22.48	-6.1

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

Note: For detailed information by county or area of commitment, see Appendix III.

TABLE 7B
 COMMITMENT RATE BY COUNTY OR AREA
 WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1967 and 1968

County or area of commitment	1967		1968		Percent change in rate 1968 over 1967
	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	Number	Rate per 100,000 population*	
Total.....	272	1.39	282	1.43	2.9
Southern California.....	190	1.61	176	1.47	-8.7
Los Angeles County.....	116	1.64	110	1.55	-5.5
9 other counties.....	74	1.55	66	1.35	-12.9
San Francisco Bay Area.....	27	0.60	51	1.11	85.0
Alameda County.....	9	0.84	15	1.40	66.7
San Francisco County.....	6	0.80	17	2.27	183.8
7 other counties.....	12	0.44	19	0.69	56.8
Balance of State.....	55	1.71	55	1.71	0.0
10 Sacramento Valley counties.....	20	1.79	23	2.06	15.1
7 San Joaquin Valley counties.....	23	1.76	21	1.61	-8.5
22 other counties.....	12	1.50	11	1.39	-7.3

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

Note: For detailed information by county or area of commitment, see Appendix III.

TABLE 8A
 MEDIAN AGE AT ADMISSION
 MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1950 through 1968

Year	Number of male felons admitted	Median age	Percent under 21 years	Percent under 25 years
1950.....	2,983	30.0	7.4	29.7
1951.....	3,097	29.1	6.7	30.3
1952.....	3,426	28.4	7.8	32.4
1953.....	3,892	28.0	9.2	34.3
1954.....	4,003	28.5	8.7	31.4
1955.....	3,461	29.4	7.9	29.4
1956.....	4,179	28.6	8.2	32.3
1957.....	4,570	28.5	8.7	33.1
1958.....	5,146	28.9	8.9	32.2
1959.....	5,426	29.3	9.3	31.9
1960.....	5,701	29.1	8.5	32.9
1961.....	5,842	29.0	8.8	33.9
1962.....	4,879	28.8	9.1	34.5
1963.....	5,030	28.5	8.8	35.6
1964.....	4,983	28.0	8.9	37.9
1965.....	5,626	27.6	10.5	39.4
1966.....	5,169	27.7	10.4	38.6
1967.....	4,872	27.1	10.7	41.3
1968.....	4,667	27.0	11.5	41.4

TABLE 8B
 MEDIAN AGE AT ADMISSION
 WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1950 through 1968

Year	Number of women felons admitted	Median age	Percent under 21 years	Percent under 25 years
1950.....	139	30.1	10.7	31.7
1951.....	155	29.1	9.0	28.4
1952.....	184	28.8	11.4	31.5
1953.....	179	29.1	6.8	29.0
1954.....	229	29.7	8.7	27.1
1955.....	177	31.6	5.1	20.3
1956.....	253	29.3	8.7	28.4
1957.....	233	29.5	7.3	28.3
1958.....	265	29.2	10.9	34.7
1959.....	292	30.6	10.6	25.7
1960.....	327	30.8	8.0	26.9
1961.....	372	29.9	6.2	25.0
1962.....	285	31.3	8.8	25.6
1963.....	259	31.9	7.4	25.1
1964.....	324	29.9	6.8	28.4
1965.....	378	30.4	7.6	27.0
1966.....	366	29.2	6.2	29.2
1967.....	272	29.6	8.1	31.3
1968.....	282	29.3	9.2	29.8

TABLE 9A
AGE AT ADMISSION
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Age at admission in years	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,872	100.0	4,697	100.0
Under 20.....	266	5.5	230	4.9
15-17.....	13	--	12	--
18.....	78	--	57	--
19.....	175	--	161	--
20-24.....	1,744	35.8	1,700	36.4
20.....	256	--	307	--
21.....	397	--	417	--
22.....	384	--	371	--
23.....	384	--	331	--
24.....	323	--	274	--
25-29.....	1,014	20.8	1,012	21.7
30-34.....	633	13.0	586	12.6
35-39.....	457	9.4	350	7.5
40-44.....	325	6.6	331	7.1
45-49.....	213	4.4	227	4.9
50 and over.....	220	4.5	231	4.9
Median age in years.....	27.1		27.0	
Percent under 21.....		10.7		11.5
Percent under 25.....		41.3		41.4

ETHNIC GROUPS

Over 58 percent of the male prisoners received in 1967 and 1968 were of the white ethnic group, Table 10A. Men of the white, Mexican descent group, comprised 13.4 percent of admissions in 1967, and 13.7 percent in 1968. The percentage of men who were Negro was exactly 26.4 percent for the last two years.

Women of the white ethnic group comprised over 66 percent of the women felons newly received in prison in 1967 and 1968. The Negro women accounted for 25.0 percent of the newly received from court in 1967 and 28.1 percent in 1968. Women of white, Mexican descent, decreased from 7.4 percent in 1967 to 3.9 percent in 1968, Table 10B.

TABLE 9B
AGE AT ADMISSION
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Age at admission in years	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	272	100.0	282	100.0
Under 20.....	10	3.7	14	5.0
15-17.....		--		--
18.....	1	--	6	--
19.....	9	--	8	--
20-24.....	75	27.6	70	24.8
20.....	12	--	12	--
21.....	9	--	12	--
22.....	16	--	18	--
23.....	24	--	11	--
24.....	14	--	17	--
25-29.....	55	20.2	66	23.4
30-34.....	47	17.3	50	17.8
35-39.....	35	12.8	34	12.0
40-44.....	25	9.2	24	8.5
45-49.....	15	5.5	11	3.9
50 and over.....	10	3.7	13	4.6
Median age in years.....	29.6		29.3	
Percent under 21.....		8.1		9.2
Percent under 25.....		31.3		29.8

TABLE 10A
ETHNIC GROUPS
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Ethnic groups	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,872	100.0	4,667	100.0
White.....	2,867	58.9	2,732	58.5
White, Mexican descent.....	655	13.4	638	13.7
Negro.....	1,286	26.4	1,231	26.4
Other.....	65	1.3	66	1.4
American Indian.....	37	0.8	31	0.7
Chinese.....	8	0.1	12	0.3
Samoan.....	--	--	--	--
Filipino.....	6	0.1	10	0.2
Hawaiian.....	11	0.2	6	0.1
Japanese.....	3	0.1	3	--
Other.....	1	--	4	0.1

TABLE 10B
ETHNIC GROUPS
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Ethnic groups	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	273	100.0	282	100.0
White.....	180	66.2	187	66.3
White, Mexican descent.....	20	7.4	11	3.9
Negro.....	68	25.0	79	28.1
Other.....	4	1.4	5	1.7
American Indian.....	2	0.7	3	1.1
Filipino.....	--	--	1	0.3
Hawaiian.....	2	0.7	1	0.8

PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD

Approximately 57 percent of the male felons newly received from court during 1967 and 1968 had served one or more jail or juvenile sentences prior to this incarceration. However, the proportion of men in this group decreased slightly from 57.4 percent of the male felons newly received during 1967 to 56.8 percent of the male felons newly received during 1968.

The Department of Corrections staff classifies each person according to prior commitment record by studying the number and type of commitment served before arrival in the Department. Reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation furnish the information from which these data are obtained. This information is reviewed with the inmate during his stay at the reception-guidance center. A prior commitment may affect the length of time served in prison and on parole by being pled in court and therefore becomes part of the commitment. For purposes of study, prior commitments served are summarized into three principal groups. These groups are: (1) no prior commitment served, (2) time served only in jail or juvenile institutions, and (3) time served perviously in prison.

Of the male felons received from court in 1967 and in 1968, almost 29 percent had served one or more prison commitments before the present term. Male felons with no prior commitment served increased from 14.0 percent of those received in 1967 to 14.5 percent of those received in 1968, Table 11A. These percentage distributions are shown in Chart IIIA.

Approximately 51 percent of the women felons newly received in prison in 1968 had served a jail or juvenile commitment prior to the present incarceration, 33 percent had not served a prior commitment, and 16 percent had served a prior prison sentence, Table 11B. The percentage changes in these three groups during the past few years are presented in Chart III-B which clearly indicates the increase of women felons with prior prison commitments in 1968 over 1967, and also the compensating drop in the percentages of the other two classes.

TABLE 11A
PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Type of prior commitment served	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,872	100.0	4,667	100.0
No prior commitment.....	681	14.0	678	14.5
Prior jail or juvenile only.....	2,796	57.4	2,649	56.8
Prior prison commitment.....	1,395	28.6	1,340	28.7
One prison.....	706	14.5	682	14.6
Two prison.....	331	6.8	330	7.1
Three or more prison.....	358	7.3	328	7.0

TABLE 11B
PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Type of prior commitment served	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	272	100.0	282	100.0
No prior commitment.....	101	37.1	92	32.7
Prior jail or juvenile only.....	144	53.0	145	51.4
Prior prison commitment.....	27	9.9	45	15.9
One prison.....	21	7.7	32	11.2
Two prison.....	5	1.8	6	2.2
Three or more prison.....	1	0.4	7	2.5

CHART IIIA
PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1964 THROUGH 1968

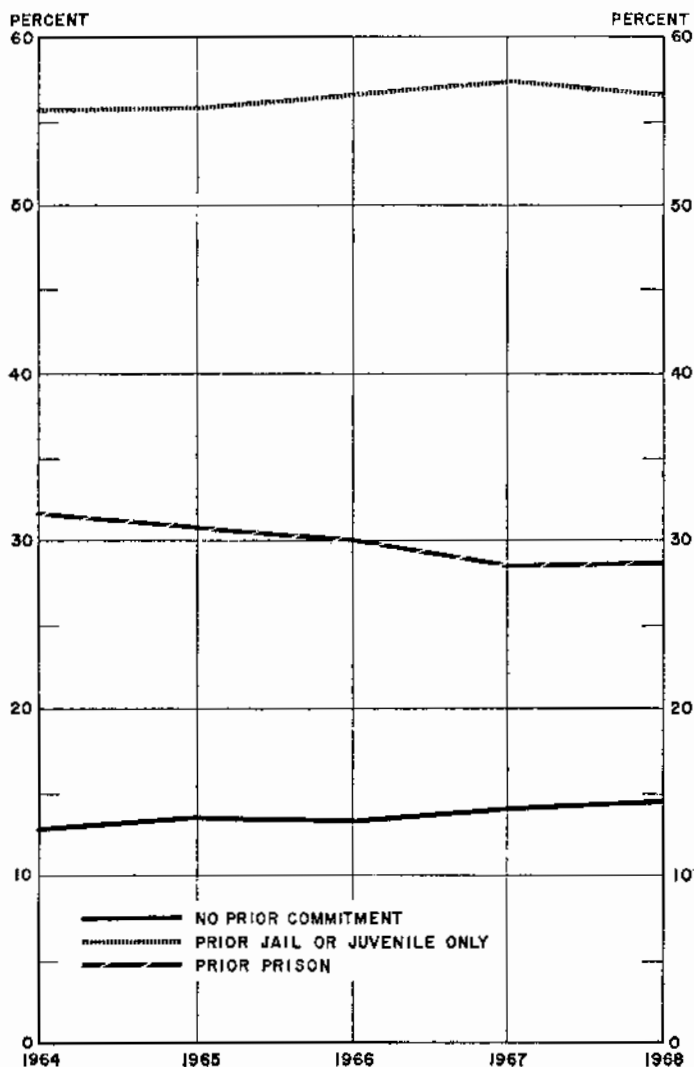
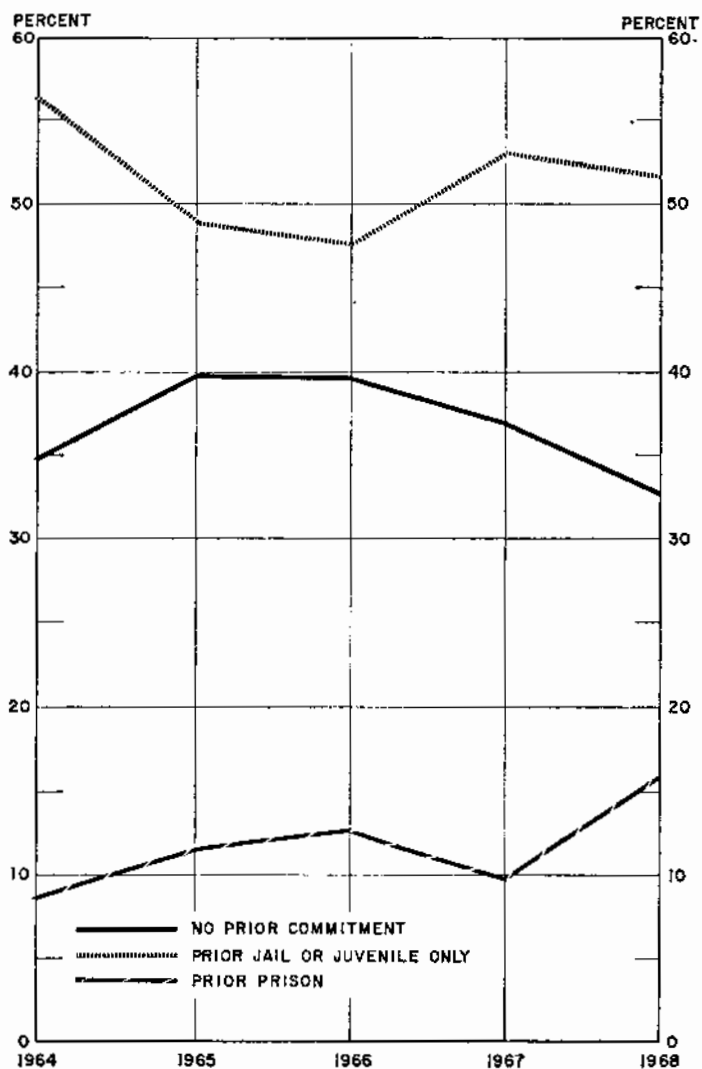


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PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1964 THROUGH 1968



PRIOR CALIFORNIA PRISON RECORD

Only 12.6 percent of the male felons newly received from court during 1968 had been discharged previously after serving a term in the California prison system. This was a slight increase from the 1967 figure of 12.2 percent which was the lowest proportion since such data first became available for persons newly admitted during 1958. For both 1967 and 1968, approximately 16 percent of the men had obtained previous prison experience in other states or in federal institutions, Table 12A. Some of these men (173) had not been discharged from their federal or non-California commitment when they were committed to the Director of Corrections.

TABLE 12A
PRIOR CALIFORNIA PRISON RECORD
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Type of discharge from last prison commitment*	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,872	100.0	4,667	100.0
No prior California prison.....	4,279	87.8	4,079	87.4
No prior prison.....	3,477	71.4	3,327	71.3
Prior prison, other state or federal.....	802	16.4	762	16.1
Discharged from parole.....	145	3.0	139	3.0
Discharged from prison.....	490	10.1	440	9.4
Not discharged.....	167	3.3	173	3.7
Prior California prison.....	593	12.2	588	12.6
Discharged from parole.....	364	7.5	391	8.4
First parole.....	272	5.6	288	6.2
Reparole.....	92	1.9	103	2.2
Discharged from prison.....	229	4.7	197	4.2
First release (never paroled).....	99	2.0	85	1.8
Re-release.....	130	2.7	112	2.4

* When a prior record includes California and other state or federal prison commitments, the prior California commitment is recorded.

Felons who have served both a prior California prison sentence and also in another state or federal prison are counted only in the prior California prison categories.

Only 16 women (5.6 percent) of the 282 female felons received during 1968 had served a prior California prison sentence before this admission. Only nine women of the 272 received during 1967, or 3.3 percent, had been in a California prison previously, Table 12B. Female felons who had served a prior prison commitment in another state or federal institution before admission in 1968 numbered 29 women.

TABLE 12B
PRIOR CALIFORNIA PRISON RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Type of discharge from last prison commitment*	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	272	100.0	282	100.0
No prior California prison.....	263	96.7	266	94.4
No prior prison.....	245	90.1	237	84.1
Prior prison, other state or federal.....	18	6.6	29	10.3
Discharged from parole.....	3	1.1	11	3.9
Discharged from prison.....	9	3.3	12	4.2
Not discharged.....	6	2.2	6	2.2
Prior California prison.....	9	3.3	16	5.6
Discharged from parole.....	8	2.9	14	5.0
First parole.....	5	1.8	7	2.5
Reparole.....	3	1.1	7	2.5
Discharged from prison.....	1	0.4	2	0.6
First release (never paroled).....	--	--	1	0.3
Re-release.....	1	0.4	1	0.3

* When a prior record includes California and other state or federal prison commitments, the prior California commitment is recorded.

A number of male felons received in prison in 1968 had previously been committed to the California Department of the Youth Authority. Of the 4,667 men received in prison in 1968, 1,315 men, or 28.1 percent, had been under the California Department of the Youth Authority prior to this commitment. Included in the 1968 percentages were 160 men, 3.4 percent, who had been in both the Department of Youth Authority and in a California prison prior to the present commitment.

TIME IN STATE BEFORE OFFENSE

Most felons received in prison had lived in California for 10 years or more prior to commitment. The percentage of male felons received in prison who had lived in California 10 years or longer was 69.5 for 1968, almost identical to the percentage for 1967. Nine percent of the men received in 1968 had been in this State less than one year before committing the offense leading to the current incarceration. The percentage distribution by length of time in State before offense is shown in Table 13A for the male felons.

Over 75 percent of the women felons received during 1967 had resided in California 10 years or longer, but this proportion had decreased to approximately 73 percent by 1968. Women felons who had been in the State less than one year before being received in prison accounted for slightly over 5 percent of the women felons newly received from court in 1968, Table 13B.

TABLE 13A
TIME IN STATE BEFORE OFFENSE
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Time in State before offense	1967			1968		
	Number	Percent	Cumulative percent	Number	Percent	Cumulative percent
Total.....	4,872	100.0		4,667	100.0	
Less than 1 month.....	98	2.0	2.0	108	2.3	2.3
1 to 5 months.....	189	3.9	5.9	205	4.4	6.7
6 to 11 months.....	120	2.5	8.4	105	2.3	9.0
1 year but less than 2.....	187	3.8	12.2	159	3.4	12.4
2 years but less than 3.....	149	3.1	15.3	142	3.0	15.4
3 years but less than 5.....	259	5.3	20.6	234	5.0	20.4
5 years but less than 10.....	486	10.0	30.6	470	10.1	30.5
10 years or more.....	3,384	69.4	100.0	3,244	69.5	100.0

TABLE 13B
TIME IN STATE BEFORE OFFENSE
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Time in State before offense	1967			1968		
	Number	Percent	Cumulative percent	Number	Percent	Cumulative percent
Total.....	272	100.0		282	100.0	
Less than 1 month.....	3	1.1	1.1	4	1.4	1.4
1 to 5 months.....	5	1.8	2.9	9	3.2	4.6
6 to 11 months.....	7	2.6	5.5	2	0.7	5.3
1 year but less than 2.....	7	2.6	8.1	6	2.2	7.5
2 years but less than 3.....	8	3.0	11.1	6	2.2	9.7
3 years but less than 5.....	12	4.4	15.5	20	7.0	16.7
5 years but less than 10.....	24	8.8	24.3	28	9.9	26.6
10 years or more.....	208	75.7	100.0	207	73.4	100.0

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

During the past two years, the median grade achievement scores of the male felons newly received from court have been at the eighth grade level.

The percentages of male felons tested at each grade level of sixth and over increased from 1967 to 1968, Table 14. However, the percentage of men testing illiterate increased slightly from 3.5 percent in 1967 to 3.6 percent in 1968. There were proportionately fewer men testing at third through fifth grade level. The educational achievement scores are obtained at time of admission into the prison system.

Educational achievement scores are not available for the women felons.

TABLE 14
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Grade achievement score	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,872		4,667	
Not tested.....	135		146	
Total tested.....	4,737	100.0	4,521	100.0
Illiterate.....	166	3.5	163	3.6
Grade 3.....	94	2.0	86	1.9
Grade 4.....	375	7.9	265	5.9
Grade 5.....	396	8.4	341	7.5
Grade 6.....	405	8.5	400	8.9
Grade 7.....	640	13.5	618	13.7
Grade 8.....	684	14.5	675	14.9
Grade 9.....	709	15.0	693	15.3
Grade 10-11.....	1,045	22.0	1,021	22.6
Grade 12 and over.....	224	4.7	259	5.7
Median grade.....	8th		8th	

NARCOTIC ADDICTION RECORD

Narcotic, marijuana, or dangerous drug users represented 40.5 percent of the male felons received in 1968, an increase from the 37.4 percent for 1967. The percentage of men received who had a history of narcotic addiction was 15.1 percent of those received in 1968, just slightly above the 14.9 percent for 1967, Table 15A.

Narcotic addict, as used in this statistical report, refers to a person who, in the opinions of the reception-guidance center clinicians, has used an opiate or its derivatives to such a degree that his body has built up a tolerance and his central nervous system has become dependent upon the drug.

The percentage of men newly received having a history of marijuana use increased from 17.8 percent in 1967 to 20.3 percent in 1968. The proportion of men received who were dangerous drug users also increased from 4.7 percent in 1967 to 5.1 percent in 1968.

The women felons addicted to narcotics decreased from 20.6 percent of those newly received from court in 1967 to 18.1 percent in 1968, while the proportion of marijuana users and dangerous drug users increased.

Marijuana use was noted for 10.3 percent of the women in 1967, and increased to 11.7 percent in 1968. Women who had used dangerous drugs comprised 5.5 percent of the women felons received in prison in 1967, and increased to 8.9 percent for those received in 1968, Table 15B.

TABLE 15A
NARCOTIC ADDICTION RECORD
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Drug use record	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,872	100.0	4,667	100.0
Non-addict.....	4,145	85.1	3,964	84.9
No narcotics.....	3,049	62.6	2,778	59.5
Marijuana.....	868	17.8	950	20.3
Dangerous drugs.....	228	4.7	238	5.1
Narcotic addict.....	727	14.9	703	15.1
Heroin addict.....	693	14.2	680	14.6
Other narcotics.....	34	0.7	23	0.5

RELATIONSHIP OF OFFENSE TO SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The type of person received in prison can be better understood by studying the association of two or more characteristics. The relationship between offense and selected demographic characteristics is presented in the remaining sections in this chapter. The selected demographic characteristics are: county or area of commitment, age at admission, ethnic group, prior commitment record, prior California prison record, time in State before offense, educational achievement, and narcotic addiction record. The characteristics of men received in 1968 will be discussed. The characteristics of women received in 1968 have been grouped with the 1967 data because of the small number of women received each year. However, educational achievement scores at time of admission are not available for women felons.

OFFENSE AND COUNTY OR AREA OF COMMITMENT

Los Angeles County commitments accounted for 39.1 percent of the male felons newly received from court in 1968. This included 113 out of 184 men, or 61.4 percent, who arrived in prison for opiate derivative offenses.

The type of offense for which persons are committed to prison varied to some extent among the counties or areas in the State, Table 16A.

TABLE 15B
NARCOTIC ADDICTION RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

Drug use record	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	272	100.0	282	100.0
Non-addict.....	216	79.4	231	81.9
No narcotics.....	173	63.6	173	61.3
Marijuana.....	28	10.3	33	11.7
Dangerous drugs.....	15	5.5	25	8.9
Narcotic addict.....	56	20.6	51	18.1
Heroin addict.....	47	17.3	44	15.6
Other narcotics.....	9	3.3	7	2.5

Los Angeles County tended to be somewhat higher than its porportion of total commitments in narcotic offenses, robbery, and in homicide. The nine other Southern California counties group was much higher than its total proportion of commitments during 1968 in auto and other thefts, forgery and check offenses, and marijuana offenses. The seven San Joaquin Valley counties which ranked third in percentage of men newly received in prison was higher for assaultive offenses than its proportion of total commitments. The 10 Sacramento Valley counties which sent to prison nine percent of the male felons newly received from court in 1968, contributed 14 percent of the total theft except auto offense group.

Of the 554 women newly received from court during 1967 through 1968, approximately 41 percent were committed from Los Angeles County, and slightly over 25 percent from the nine other Southern California counties, Table 16B. Los Angeles County committed 52 out of 88, or 59.2 percent, of the women narcotic offenders. The nine other Southern California counties committed 19.3 percent of the narcotic offenders. Among other areas of the State, theft and forgery and check offenses tended to be the major offense groups numerically, and in most counties the percentage of commitments for these offenses was greater than the areas' normal proportion of commitments to prison.

OFFENSE AND AGE AT ADMISSION

The median age of male felons newly received in prison in 1968, classified by offense groups, varied from a low of 24.3 years for men committed for robbery to a high of 39.8 years for men committed for lewd act with child, a range of 15.5 years.

Between 50-60 percent of the men admitted during 1968 for robbery, auto theft, and marijuana offenses were under 25 years of age, Table 17A. There were 17.4 percent of those committed for robbery and 16.3 percent of those committed for dangerous drug offenses under 21 years of age.

Of the women felons newly received from court in 1967 through 1968, those committed for forgery and check offenses had the lowest median age of 28.8 years; those committed for homicide had the highest median age of 33.8 years, Table 17B.

Approximately one-third of the women committed for forgery and check offenses were under 25 years of age and nearly nine percent were under 21 years of age. Women committed for narcotic offenses had a median age of 29.0 years with 27.3 percent under 25 years of age.

TABLE 16A
OFFENSE AND COUNTY OR AREA OF COMMITMENT
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed only for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Southern California				San Francisco Bay Area				Balance of States							
		Los Angeles County		9 other counties		Alameda County		San Francisco County		7 other counties		10 Sacramento Valley counties		7 San Joaquin Valley counties		22 other counties	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total	4,637	1,824	39.1	1,088	23.3	181	3.9	165	3.5	347	7.4	419	9.0	465	10.0	178	3.8
Homicide	327	145	44.3	44	13.5	23	6.7	16	4.9	32	9.8	23	7.0	33	10.1	12	3.7
Murder 1st	108	57	52.8	11	10.2	5	4.6	2	1.9	12	11.1	8	7.4	8	7.4	5	4.6
Murder 2nd	118	46	39.0	15	12.7	9	7.6	8	6.8	11	9.3	7	5.9	17	14.4	5	4.3
Manslaughter	95	39	41.0	13	19.0	8	8.4	6	6.3	9	9.5	6	6.3	7	7.4	2	2.1
Manslaughter by vehicle	6	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	1	--	--	--
Robbery	906	425	46.9	161	17.8	40	4.4	54	6.0	58	6.4	62	6.8	79	8.7	27	3.0
Robbery 1st	596	282	47.3	108	18.1	21	3.5	43	7.2	39	6.6	47	7.9	43	7.2	13	2.2

Robbery 2nd.....	263	127	49.3	46	17.5	13	4.9	7	2.7	18	6.8	10	3.8	32	12.2	10	3.8
Other.....	47	16	--	7	--	6	--	4	--	1	--	6	--	4	--	4	--
Assault.....	336	115	34.2	66	19.6	21	6.3	19	5.7	23	6.8	35	10.4	48	14.3	9	2.7
Assault with deadly weapon.....	243	87	35.8	45	18.5	10	4.1	14	5.8	17	7.0	27	11.1	38	14.8	7	2.9
Other.....	93	28	30.1	21	22.6	11	11.8	5	5.4	6	5.4	8	8.6	12	12.9	2	2.1
Burglary.....	772	268	34.7	160	25.4	28	3.6	21	2.7	59	7.6	84	10.9	84	10.9	32	4.2
Burglary 1st.....	108	43	39.8	31	28.7	6	5.6	1	0.9	9	8.3	11	10.2	7	6.5	--	--
Burglary 2nd.....	633	215	34.0	159	25.1	20	3.2	19	3.0	46	7.3	68	10.7	76	12.0	30	4.7
Other.....	31	10	--	6	--	2	--	1	--	4	--	5	--	1	--	2	--
Theft except auto.....	387	126	32.6	105	27.1	10	2.6	9	2.3	31	8.0	55	14.2	31	8.0	20	5.2
Grand theft.....	195	78	40.0	50	25.6	5	2.6	5	2.6	11	5.6	21	10.8	15	7.7	10	5.1
Petty theft with prior.....	27	6	--	4	--	2	--	1	--	1	--	10	--	2	--	1	--
Receiving stolen property.....	113	34	30.1	29	25.6	2	1.8	2	1.8	14	12.4	14	12.4	10	8.8	8	7.1
Other.....	52	8	15.4	22	42.3	1	1.9	1	1.9	5	9.6	10	19.3	4	7.7	1	1.9
Auto theft.....	218	87	39.9	63	28.9	8	3.7	3	1.4	9	4.1	18	8.2	22	10.1	8	3.7
Forgery and checks.....	463	146	31.5	129	27.9	16	2.5	5	1.1	43	9.1	53	11.4	52	11.2	20	4.3
Sex offenses.....	305	113	37.1	65	21.3	9	3.0	11	3.8	18	5.9	34	11.1	41	13.4	14	4.6
Rape.....	116	37	31.9	29	25.0	3	2.8	6	5.2	9	7.7	10	8.6	15	13.8	6	5.2
Lewd act with child.....	121	52	43.0	26	21.5	4	3.3	2	1.6	6	5.6	18	14.9	11	9.1	2	1.6
Other.....	68	24	55.3	10	14.7	2	3.0	3	4.4	3	4.4	6	8.8	14	20.6	6	8.8
Opiate derivative.....	184	113	61.4	33	17.9	2	1.1	11	6.0	10	5.4	7	3.8	6	3.3	2	1.1
Marijuana.....	398	188	47.2	118	29.6	6	2.0	7	1.8	28	7.0	21	5.3	15	3.8	13	3.3
Dangerous drugs.....	49	23	--	14	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	3	--	4	--	2	--
Other offenses.....	322	75	23.3	94	29.2	17	5.3	8	2.5	35	10.9	24	7.4	50	15.5	19	5.9

TABLE 16B
OFFENSE AND COUNTY OR AREA OF COMMITMENT
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967-1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed only for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Southern California				San Francisco Bay Area				Balance of State							
		Los Angeles County		9 other counties		Alameda County		San Francisco County		7 other counties		10 Sacramento Valley counties		7 San Joaquin Valley counties		22 other counties	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total	554	226	40.8	140	25.3	24	4.3	23	4.2	31	5.6	43	7.8	44	7.9	23	4.1
Homicide	76	32	42.1	16	21.1	4	5.2	5	6.6	4	5.2	--	--	10	13.2	5	6.6
Robbery	46	19	--	9	--	2	--	4	--	3	--	4	--	2	--	3	--
Assault	40	15	--	11	--	1	--	2	--	2	--	4	--	3	--	2	--
Burglary	57	15	--	13	--	1	--	1	--	2	--	3	--	1	--	1	--
Theft	90	30	33.3	24	26.7	4	4.4	5	5.6	7	7.8	9	10.0	7	7.8	4	4.4
Forgery and checks	151	57	37.7	41	27.2	9	6.0	2	1.3	8	5.3	14	9.3	13	8.6	7	4.6
Sex offenses	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Narcotics	88	52	59.2	17	19.3	--	--	3	3.4	4	4.5	7	8.0	4	4.5	1	1.1
Other offenses	23	5	--	9	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	2	--	--	--

TABLE 17A
OFFENSE AND AGE AT ADMISSION
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1968

Each percent and median computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Age at admission							Percent under		Median age in years at admission*		
		Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	21 years	25 years	1967	1968
Total	4,667	230	1,700	1,012	686	360	331	227	231	11.5	41.4	27.1	27.0
Homicide	327	26	102	60	43	26	28	19	23	14.1	39.1	28.8	28.0
Robbery	906	64	450	212	96	34	26	15	9	17.4	56.7	24.2	24.3
Assault	336	10	120	63	42	31	24	24	22	11.3	38.7	26.0	26.0
Burglary	772	40	322	172	98	48	36	31	25	12.8	46.9	26.1	25.7
Theft except auto	387	19	113	81	53	39	24	28	30	9.6	34.1	29.0	28.9
Auto theft	218	12	101	37	24	14	17	8	5	14.7	51.8	24.6	24.8
Forgery and checks	463	3	96	119	55	52	59	41	38	2.6	21.4	32.3	31.3
Sex offenses	305	16	65	55	38	40	27	24	30	9.2	26.6	34.4	32.3
Rape	116	11	44	33	13	7	5	2	1	13.8	47.4	25.0	25.5
Lewd act with child	121	--	12	13	17	20	22	16	21	3.3	9.9	39.3	39.8
Other	68	5	9	9	8	13	10	6	8	11.8	20.6	38.2	36.2
Opiate derivative	184	--	28	42	42	23	24	10	15	0.5	15.2	29.8	32.6
Marijuana	398	15	192	98	45	15	22	4	7	9.8	52.0	24.6	24.8
Dangerous drugs	49	3	21	11	8	1	2	1	2	16.3	49.0	28.6	25.5
Other offenses	322	22	90	62	42	27	32	22	25	12.1	34.8	29.8	29.0

* Median computed from grouped data.

TABLE 17B
OFFENSE AND AGE AT ADMISSION
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967-1968

Each percent and median computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Age at admission						Percent under		Median age in years at admission* 1967-1968 period
		Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	
Total	554	24	145	121	97	69	49	26	23	29.5
Homicide	76	6	14	8	13	13	11	3	8	33.8
Robbery	48	2	22	7	8	4	1	2	--	--
Assault	40	1	13	12	3	3	3	2	3	--
Burglary	37	--	12	7	8	7	3	--	--	--
Theft	90	4	16	20	15	11	11	6	7	31.7
Forgery and checks	151	7	42	35	30	18	10	7	2	28.8
Sex offenses	8	--	--	1	--	1	1	--	--	--
Narcotics	88	1	23	25	17	9	7	4	2	29.0
Other offenses	23	3	8	6	3	3	2	2	1	--

* Median computed from grouped data.

OFFENSE AND ETHNIC GROUPS

The percentage distribution of ethnic groups varied considerably when studied by offense. Male felons of the white ethnic group constituted 58.5 percent of the men received in 1968. This ethnic group also accounted for 76.7 percent of the forgers and check writers and 72.1 percent of all sex offenders newly received in prison.

The Negro group comprised a greater proportion than its percentage of total men received in the offense groups of: homicide, robbery, assault, and auto theft. Male felons of the white, Mexican descent group accounted for 45.6 percent of the opiate derivative offenders and for only 13.7 percent of the total number of male felons received from court in 1968, Table 18A.

Women felons of the white ethnic group made up 66.3 percent of the total women received in prison in 1967 through 1968. This group comprised over 70 percent of the total number committed for theft, forgery and checks, and narcotic offenses, Table 18B.

Negro women, who constituted 26.5 percent of the total women felons newly received, accounted for 36.8 percent of those received with homicide convictions. Women of white, Mexican descent, comprised 5.6 percent of all women received in the last two years, and made up 8.0 percent of those received with narcotic offenses.

OFFENSE AND PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD

Exactly 31.5 percent of the male felons newly received during 1968 with homicide or sex offense convictions had never served a prior incarceration. Almost two-thirds of the men received in 1968 with conviction for robbery, assault, burglary, receiving stolen property, or marijuana offenses had served prior jail or juvenile sentences, Table 19A. Of the male felons received in 1968, 28.7 percent had served one or more prior prison terms. The offense groups with a greater proportion than 28.7 percent with prior prison terms served were: opiate derivative offenses, 44.0 percent; forgery and checks, 42.6 percent; theft except auto, 37.0 percent; auto theft, 35.8 percent; and burglary, 34.1 percent.

Although 34.8 percent of the total 554 women felons newly received from court during 1967 and 1968 had not previously been confined for a criminal act, over 68 percent of the women felons received with homicide convictions had not served a prior incarcerating sentence, Table 19B. Over 56 percent of the women committed for forgery and check offenses and exactly 67 percent of those committed for narcotic offenses had served prior jail or juvenile sentences.

TABLE 18A
OFFENSE AND ETHNIC GROUPS
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	White		White, Mexican descent		Negro		Other	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total.....	4,667	2,732	58.5	638	13.7	1,231	26.4	66	1.4
Homicide.....	327	144	44.0	49	15.0	125	38.2	9	2.8
Murder 1st.....	108	53	49.1	12	11.1	42	38.9	1	0.9
Murder 2nd.....	118	49	41.5	21	17.8	44	37.3	4	3.4
Manslaughter.....	95	37	39.0	15	15.8	39	41.0	4	4.2
Manslaughter by vehicle.....	6	5	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Robbery.....	906	464	51.2	94	10.4	339	37.4	9	1.0
Robbery 1st.....	596	303	50.8	57	9.6	229	38.4	7	1.2
Robbery 2nd.....	263	139	52.8	32	12.2	90	34.2	2	0.8
Other.....	47	22	--	5	--	20	--	--	--
Assault.....	336	149	44.4	68	20.2	109	32.4	10	3.0
Assault with deadly weapon.....	243	100	41.1	53	21.8	83	34.2	7	2.9
Other.....	93	49	52.7	15	16.1	26	28.0	3	3.2
Burglary.....	772	484	62.7	93	12.0	189	24.5	6	0.8
Burglary 1st.....	108	49	45.4	21	19.4	37	34.3	1	0.9
Burglary 2nd.....	633	417	65.9	71	11.2	141	22.3	4	0.6
Other.....	31	18	--	1	--	11	--	1	--
Theft except auto.....	387	254	65.6	44	11.4	85	22.0	4	1.0
Grand theft.....	195	127	65.1	16	8.2	48	24.6	4	2.1
Petty theft with prior.....	27	14	--	8	--	5	--	--	--
Receiving stolen property.....	113	72	63.7	18	15.9	23	20.4	--	--
Other.....	52	41	78.8	2	3.9	9	17.3	--	--
Auto theft.....	218	134	61.5	23	10.5	59	27.1	2	0.9
Forgery and checks.....	463	355	76.7	28	6.0	76	16.4	4	0.9
Sex offenses.....	305	220	72.1	34	11.1	49	16.1	2	0.7
Rape.....	116	70	60.3	14	12.1	31	26.7	1	0.9
Lewd act with child.....	121	96	79.4	15	12.4	9	7.4	1	0.8
Other.....	68	54	79.4	5	7.4	9	13.2	--	--
Opiate derivative.....	184	45	24.5	84	45.6	46	25.0	9	4.9
Marijuana.....	398	246	61.8	67	16.8	80	20.1	5	1.3
Dangerous drugs.....	49	35	--	4	--	9	--	1	--
Other offenses.....	322	202	62.7	50	15.5	65	20.2	5	1.6

TABLE 18B
 OFFENSE AND ETHNIC GROUPS
 WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1967-1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses
 with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	White		White, Mexican descent		Negro		Other	
		Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent
Total.....	554	367	66.3	31	5.6	147	26.5	9	1.6
Homicide.....	76	43	56.7	3	3.9	28	36.8	2	2.6
Robbery.....	46	31	--	1	--	12	--	2	--
Assault.....	40	14	--	4	--	20	--	2	--
Burglary.....	37	23	--	4	--	10	--	--	--
Theft.....	90	67	74.5	4	4.4	17	18.9	2	2.2
Forgery and checks.....	151	112	74.2	7	4.6	32	21.2	--	--
Sex offenses.....	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Narcotics.....	88	63	71.6	7	8.0	18	20.4	--	--
Other offenses.....	23	11	--	1	--	10	--	1	--

TABLE 19A
OFFENSE AND PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Type of prior commitment served							
		No prior		Prior jail or juvenile		One prison		Two or more prison	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total.....	4,667	678	14.5	2,649	56.8	682	14.6	658	14.1
Homicide.....	327	103	31.5	164	50.2	36	11.0	24	7.3
Murder 1st.....	108	33	30.5	53	49.1	14	13.0	8	7.4
Murder 2nd.....	118	43	36.4	56	47.5	13	11.0	6	5.1
Manslaughter.....	95	26	27.3	51	53.7	9	9.5	9	9.5
Manslaughter by vehicle.....	6	1	--	4	--	--	--	1	--
Robbery.....	906	137	15.1	570	62.9	114	12.6	85	9.4
Robbery 1st.....	596	98	16.5	372	62.4	67	11.2	59	9.9
Robbery 2nd.....	263	34	12.9	167	63.5	37	14.1	25	9.5
Other.....	47	5	--	31	--	10	--	1	--
Assault.....	336	61	18.2	205	61.0	32	9.5	38	11.3
Assault with deadly weapon.....	243	42	17.3	146	60.1	24	9.9	31	12.7
Other.....	93	19	20.4	59	63.5	8	8.6	7	7.5
Burglary.....	772	46	5.9	463	60.0	121	15.7	142	18.4
Burglary 1st.....	108	15	13.9	70	64.8	9	8.3	14	13.0
Burglary 2nd.....	633	30	4.7	383	60.5	109	17.2	111	17.6
Other.....	31	1	--	10	--	3	--	17	--
Theft except auto.....	387	46	11.9	198	51.1	73	18.9	70	18.1
Grand theft.....	195	34	17.4	93	47.7	42	21.6	26	13.3
Petty theft with prior.....	27	--	--	7	--	5	--	15	--
Receiving stolen property.....	113	8	7.1	72	63.7	16	14.2	17	15.0
Other.....	52	4	7.7	26	50.0	10	19.2	12	23.1
Auto theft.....	218	16	7.3	124	56.9	41	18.8	37	17.0
Forgery and checks.....	463	42	9.0	224	48.4	86	18.6	111	24.0
Sex offenses.....	305	96	31.5	141	46.2	37	12.1	31	10.2
Rape.....	116	29	25.0	66	56.9	11	9.5	10	8.6
Lewd act with child.....	121	45	37.2	43	35.5	21	17.4	12	9.9
Other.....	68	22	32.3	32	47.1	5	7.4	9	13.2
Opiate derivative.....	184	20	10.9	83	45.1	39	21.2	42	22.8
Marijuana.....	398	58	14.6	267	67.1	50	12.6	23	5.8
Dangerous drugs.....	49	10	--	31	--	5	--	3	--
Other offenses.....	322	43	13.4	179	55.6	48	14.9	52	16.1

TABLE 19B
OFFENSE AND PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967-1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Type of prior commitment served							
		No prior		Prior jail or juvenile		One prison		Two or more prison	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total.....	554	193	34.8	289	52.2	53	9.6	19	3.4
Homicide.....	76	52	68.4	20	26.3	4	5.3	--	--
Robbery.....	46	14	--	30	--	2	--	--	--
Assault.....	40	16	--	20	--	3	--	1	--
Burglary.....	37	10	--	20	--	5	--	2	--
Theft.....	90	33	36.7	40	44.4	11	12.2	6	6.7
Forgery and checks.....	151	41	27.2	85	56.3	18	11.9	7	4.6
Sex offenses.....	3	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Narcotics.....	88	17	19.3	59	67.0	10	11.4	2	2.3
Other offenses.....	23	8	--	14	--	--	--	1	--

OFFENSE AND PRIOR CALIFORNIA PRISON RECORD

Male felons who had served prior California prison terms accounted for 12.6 percent of the total men newly received in prison during 1968. The prior California prison term was not necessarily for the same type of offense as that for which the felon was admitted to prison in 1968. The major offense groups in which a higher proportion of male felons had served a prior California prison commitment were: opiate derivative offenses, 23.3 percent; forgery and checks, 22.9 percent; and auto theft, 16.5 percent, Table 20A.

The major offense groups with the least proportion of male felons having served a prior California prison sentence were homicide and robbery, each 6.8 percent.

Women felons who had served a prior California prison term constituted 4.5 percent of the women felons newly received from court during 1967 and 1968. This was exactly 25 women, Table 20B.

TABLE 20A
OFFENSE AND PRIOR CALIFORNIA PRISON RECORD
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	No prior California prison				Prior California prison			
		No prior prison		Prior other state or federal prison		Parole discharge from prior commitment		Prison discharge from prior commitment	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	4,667	3,327	71.3	752	16.1	391	8.4	197	4.2
Homicide.....	327	267	81.6	38	11.6	11	3.4	11	3.4
Murder 1st.....	108	86	79.6	11	10.2	6	5.6	5	4.6
Murder 2nd.....	118	99	83.9	12	10.2	2	1.7	5	4.2
Manslaughter.....	95	77	81.0	14	14.7	3	3.2	1	1.1
Manslaughter by vehicle.....	6	5	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Robbery.....	906	707	78.0	138	15.2	42	4.7	19	2.1
Robbery 1st.....	596	470	78.9	86	14.4	29	4.9	11	1.8
Robbery 2nd.....	263	201	76.4	44	16.7	12	4.6	6	2.3
Other.....	47	36	--	8	--	1	--	2	--
Assault.....	336	266	79.1	45	13.4	13	3.9	12	3.6
Assault with deadly weapon.....	243	188	77.4	37	15.2	9	3.7	9	3.7
Other.....	93	78	83.9	8	8.6	4	4.3	3	3.2
Burglary.....	772	509	65.9	146	18.9	81	10.5	36	4.7
Burglary 1st.....	108	85	78.7	12	11.1	7	6.5	4	3.7
Burglary 2nd.....	633	413	65.2	124	19.6	65	10.3	31	4.9
Other.....	31	11	--	10	--	9	--	1	--
Theft except auto.....	387	244	63.0	82	21.2	43	11.1	18	4.7
Grand theft.....	195	127	65.1	44	22.6	18	9.2	6	3.1
Petty theft with prior.....	27	7	--	5	--	9	--	6	--
Receiving stolen property.....	113	80	70.8	17	15.1	11	9.7	5	4.4
Other.....	52	30	57.7	16	30.8	5	9.6	1	1.9
Auto theft.....	218	140	64.2	42	19.3	16	7.3	20	9.2
Forgery and checks.....	463	266	57.4	91	19.7	67	14.5	39	8.4
Sex offenses.....	305	237	77.7	40	13.1	20	6.6	8	2.6
Rape.....	116	95	81.9	14	12.1	4	3.4	3	2.6
Lewd act with child.....	121	88	72.7	19	15.7	11	9.1	3	2.5
Other.....	68	54	79.4	7	10.3	5	7.4	2	2.9
Opiate derivative.....	184	103	56.0	38	20.7	35	19.0	8	4.3
Marijuana.....	398	325	81.7	33	8.3	32	8.0	8	2.0
Dangerous drugs.....	49	41	--	6	--	2	--	--	--
Other offenses.....	322	222	68.9	53	16.5	29	9.0	18	5.6

TABLE 20B
OFFENSE AND PRIOR CALIFORNIA PRISON RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967-1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	No prior California prison				Prior California prison			
		No prior prison		Prior other state or federal prison		Parole discharge from prior commitment		Prison discharge from prior commitment	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	554	482	87.0	47	8.5	22	4.0	3	0.5
Homicide.....	76	72	94.8	2	2.6	2	2.6	--	--
Robbery.....	46	44	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Assault.....	40	36	--	3	--	1	--	--	--
Burglary.....	37	30	--	7	--	--	--	--	--
Theft.....	90	73	81.1	7	7.8	10	11.1	--	--
Forgery and checks.....	151	126	83.4	17	11.3	7	4.6	1	0.7
Sex offenses.....	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Narcotics.....	88	76	86.4	9	10.2	1	1.1	2	2.3
Other offenses.....	23	22	--	--	--	1	--	--	--

Of these 25 women with prior California prison experience, 10 were committed in 1967 or 1968 for theft, and eight were committed for forgery and checks. The 10 women committed for theft represented 11.1 percent of the total committed for theft. The eight committed for forgery and checks represented 5.3 percent of all the forgery and check writers received during the two-year span.

OFFENSE AND TIME IN STATE BEFORE OFFENSE

Of each offense group, the male felon drug law violators had the highest percentage of men who had been in California 10 years or more before prison admission in 1968. Over 85 percent of the male felons committed for opiate derivative offenses and 82 percent committed for marijuana offenses had been in California for 10 years or more, Table 21A. Of each offense group whose offenders had been in California 10 years or more, grand theft had the least with 61.0 percent of those committed for grand theft having been in California for that specified period.

Of the women felon drug law violators newly received from court during 1967 and 1968, 83 percent had been in California 10 years or more prior to commitment. This was the highest percentage in any

TABLE 21A
OFFENSE AND TIME IN STATE BEFORE OFFENSE
MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Time in State before offense															
		Less than 1 month		1 to 5 months		6 to 11 months		1 yr.-less than 2 yrs.		2 yrs.-less than 3 yrs.		3 yrs.-less than 5 yrs.		5 yrs.-less than 10 yrs.		10 yrs. or more	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total.....	4,667	108	2.3	205	4.4	105	2.3	159	3.4	142	3.0	234	5.0	470	10.1	3,244	69.5
Homicide.....	327	4	1.2	15	4.6	7	2.1	9	2.8	12	3.7	14	4.3	37	11.3	229	70.0
Murder 1st.....	108	1	0.9	7	6.5	2	1.9	2	1.9	6	5.6	3	2.7	9	8.3	78	72.2
Murder 2nd.....	118	2	1.7	3	2.6	2	1.7	4	3.4	1	0.8	7	5.9	17	14.4	82	69.5
Manslaughter.....	95	1	1.1	5	5.2	3	3.2	3	3.2	4	4.2	4	4.2	10	10.5	65	68.4
Manslaughter by vehicle.....	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	4	--
Robbery.....	906	37	4.1	57	6.3	22	2.4	35	3.9	25	2.7	45	5.0	77	8.5	608	67.1
Robbery 1st.....	596	24	4.0	41	6.9	12	2.0	28	4.7	18	3.0	32	5.4	51	8.5	390	66.4
Robbery 2nd.....	263	10	3.8	13	5.0	8	3.0	7	2.7	5	1.9	10	3.8	24	9.1	186	70.7
Other.....	47	3	--	3	--	2	--	--	--	2	--	3	--	2	--	32	--

Assault.....	336	3	0.9	8	2.4	6	1.8	14	4.2	18	5.3	16	4.8	43	12.8	228	67.8
Assault with deadly weapon.....	243	2	0.8	7	2.9	5	2.1	11	4.5	14	5.6	11	4.5	30	12.3	163	67.1
Other.....	93	1	1.1	1	1.1	1	1.1	3	3.2	4	4.3	5	5.4	13	13.9	63	69.9
Burglary.....	772	16	2.1	39	5.0	23	3.0	41	5.3	23	3.0	41	5.3	75	9.7	514	66.6
Burglary 1st.....	108	--	--	2	1.8	4	3.7	8	7.4	3	2.8	5	4.6	14	13.0	72	66.7
Burglary 2nd.....	633	15	2.4	37	5.8	17	2.7	30	4.7	20	3.2	34	5.4	55	8.7	425	67.1
Other.....	31	1	--	--	--	2	--	3	--	--	--	2	--	6	--	17	--
Theft except auto.....	387	11	2.8	18	4.7	12	3.1	14	3.6	8	2.1	20	5.2	52	13.4	252	65.1
Grand theft.....	195	6	3.1	8	4.1	5	2.6	9	4.6	6	3.1	12	0.1	30	15.4	119	61.0
Petty theft with prior.....	27	1	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	4	--	18	--
Receiving stolen property.....	113	2	1.8	5	4.4	4	3.5	4	3.5	2	1.8	4	3.5	10	8.9	82	72.6
Other.....	52	2	3.8	2	3.8	3	5.8	1	1.9	--	--	3	5.8	8	15.4	33	63.5
Auto theft.....	218	9	4.1	11	5.0	6	2.8	10	4.6	5	2.3	12	5.5	18	8.3	147	67.4
Forgery and checks.....	403	8	1.7	31	6.7	19	3.5	13	2.8	14	3.0	29	6.3	49	10.6	303	65.4
Sex offenses.....	305	4	1.3	6	2.0	2	0.7	7	2.3	12	3.9	23	7.5	38	12.5	213	69.8
Rape.....	116	2	1.7	4	3.5	2	1.7	4	3.5	7	6.0	6	5.2	12	10.3	79	68.1
Lewd act with child.....	121	1	0.8	1	0.8	--	--	3	2.5	3	2.5	13	10.7	14	11.6	86	71.1
Other.....	68	1	1.5	1	1.5	--	--	--	--	2	2.9	4	5.9	12	17.6	48	70.6
Opiate derivative.....	184	4	2.2	1	0.5	2	1.1	1	0.5	4	2.2	4	2.2	11	6.0	157	85.3
Marijuana.....	398	8	0.7	5	1.3	2	0.5	7	1.8	5	1.3	12	3.0	39	9.8	325	81.6
Dangerous drugs.....	49	--	--	1	--	1	--	1	--	2	--	2	--	4	--	38	--
Other offenses.....	322	9	2.8	13	4.0	6	1.9	7	2.2	14	4.3	16	5.0	27	8.4	230	71.4

TABLE 218
OFFENSE AND TIME IN STATE BEFORE OFFENSE
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967-1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Time in State before offense									
		Less than 1 mo. through 6 mos.		6 to 11 months		1 yr.-less than 2 yrs.		2 yrs.-less than 5 yrs.		5 yrs.-less than 10 yrs.	
		Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent	Num- ber	Per- cent
Total.....	554	21	3.8	9	1.6	13	2.3	46	8.4	52	9.4
Homicide.....	76	1	1.3	1	1.3	3	3.9	4	5.4	9	11.8
Robbery.....	46	6	--	1	--	--	--	6	--	2	--
Assault.....	40	1	--	1	--	2	--	1	--	2	--
Burglary.....	37	3	--	3	--	1	--	3	--	2	--
Theft.....	90	3	3.3	--	--	1	1.1	9	10.0	14	15.6
Forgery and checks.....	151	4	2.6	2	1.3	5	3.3	14	9.3	14	9.3
Sex offenses.....	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
Narcotics.....	88	1	1.1	1	1.1	--	--	6	6.8	7	8.0
Other offenses.....	23	2	--	--	--	1	--	3	--	1	--

offense group, Table 21B. Of the women committed for homicide offenses, 76.3 percent had been in California 10 years or more. Homicide had the second highest percentage.

OFFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

The highest educational achievement was obtained by male felons committed for forgery and check offenses, with 55.8 percent having a grade achievement score equivalent to the ninth grade or above.

Other offense groups showing a relatively high percentage of men with an educational level of high school or above were those convicted of marijuana offenses, 54.6 percent; and opiate derivative offenses, 45.0 percent, Table 22. Although only 3.6 percent of the men received in 1968 were illiterate, 5.8 percent of those convicted of assault and 6.8 percent of those committed for "other" offenses tested illiterate.

TABLE 22

OFFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT

1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total tested	Grade achievement score									
		Illiterate		Grade 3-8		Grade 9-11		Grade 12 and over		Median grade	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1967	1968
Total.....	4,521	163	3.6	2,385	52.8	1,714	37.9	259	5.7	8	8
Homicide.....	302	14	4.6	180	59.6	95	31.5	13	4.3	7	7
Robbery.....	891	24	2.7	488	54.8	338	37.9	41	4.6	8	8
Assault.....	327	19	5.8	216	66.0	83	25.4	9	2.8	7	7
Burglary.....	758	26	3.4	407	53.7	291	38.4	34	4.5	8	8
Theft except auto.....	377	17	4.5	183	48.5	149	39.5	28	7.5	8	8
Auto theft.....	213	6	2.8	118	55.4	73	34.3	16	7.5	8	8
Forgery and checks.....	450	5	1.1	194	43.1	199	44.2	52	11.6	9	9
Sex offenses.....	299	9	3.0	156	52.2	119	39.8	15	5.0	8	8
Rape.....	113	3	2.7	57	50.4	51	45.1	2	1.8	8	8
Lewd act with child.....	119	3	2.5	63	53.0	45	37.8	8	6.7	7	8
Other.....	67	2	4.5	36	53.7	23	34.3	5	7.5	8	8
Opiate derivative.....	169	7	4.1	86	50.9	70	41.4	6	3.6	8	8
Marijuana.....	379	14	3.7	158	41.7	176	46.4	31	8.2	8	9
Dangerous drugs.....	46	1	--	19	--	21	--	5	--	8	9
Other offenses.....	310	21	6.8	180	58.1	100	32.2	9	2.9	7	7

OFFENSE AND NARCOTIC ADDICTION RECORD

Of the male felons received in 1968, 73.9 percent of the men committed for opiate derivative offenses were narcotic addicts, and 68.3 percent of those convicted of marijuana offenses were users of marijuana.

Slightly over 15 percent of all male felons received in 1968 were addicts. In the homicide, assault, forgery and checks, and sex offense groups 10 percent or less were narcotic addicts, Table 23A. The proportion of narcotic addicts in each group offense group is indicated on Chart IV-A.

Narcotic addicts comprised 45.5 percent of all women newly received from court for narcotic offenses during 1967 and 1968. Women felons received for forgery and check offenses ranked second highest in the percentage of narcotic addicts. In this group, 22.5 percent were addicted prior to admission to prison. Of all offense groups, the women received in prison for homicide offenses had the highest percentage of women who were not involved in any drug use, with 88.2 percent of those received for homicide in this class, Table 23B. The percentage of women narcotic addicts in each offense group is shown in Chart IV-B.

TABLE 238
OFFENSE AND NARCOTIC ADDICTION RECORD
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967-1968

Each offense total equals 100 percent. Percent computed for offenses with a total of 50 or more cases.

Offense	Total	Drug use record									
		Non-addict					Narcotic addict				
		Total		No narcotics		Marijuana		Dangerous drugs		Total	
		Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent	Num-ber	Per-cent
Total.....	554	447	80.7	346	82.5	61	11.0	40	7.2	107	19.3
Homicide.....	76	74	97.4	67	88.2	6	7.9	1	1.3	2	2.6
Robbery.....	46	37	--	20	--	3	--	4	--	9	8
Assault.....	40	36	--	34	--	1	--	1	--	4	3
Burglary.....	37	33	--	23	--	3	--	7	--	4	4
Theft.....	90	78	86.7	64	71.1	6	6.7	8	8.9	12	13.3
Forgery and checks.....	151	117	77.5	91	60.3	15	9.9	11	7.3	34	22.5
Sex offenses.....	3	2	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Narcotics.....	88	48	54.5	16	18.2	26	29.5	6	6.8	40	45.5
Other offenses.....	23	21	--	19	--	1	--	1	--	2	--

CHART IV A
 OFFENSE AND NARCOTIC ADDICTION
 MALE FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
 1968

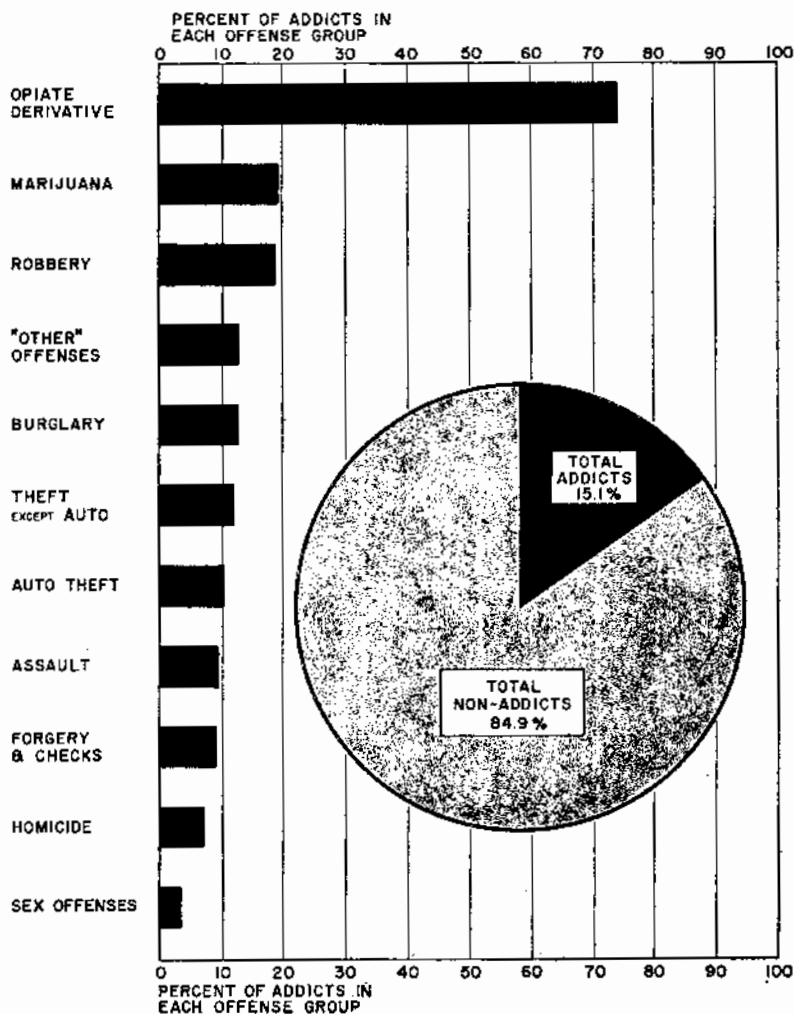
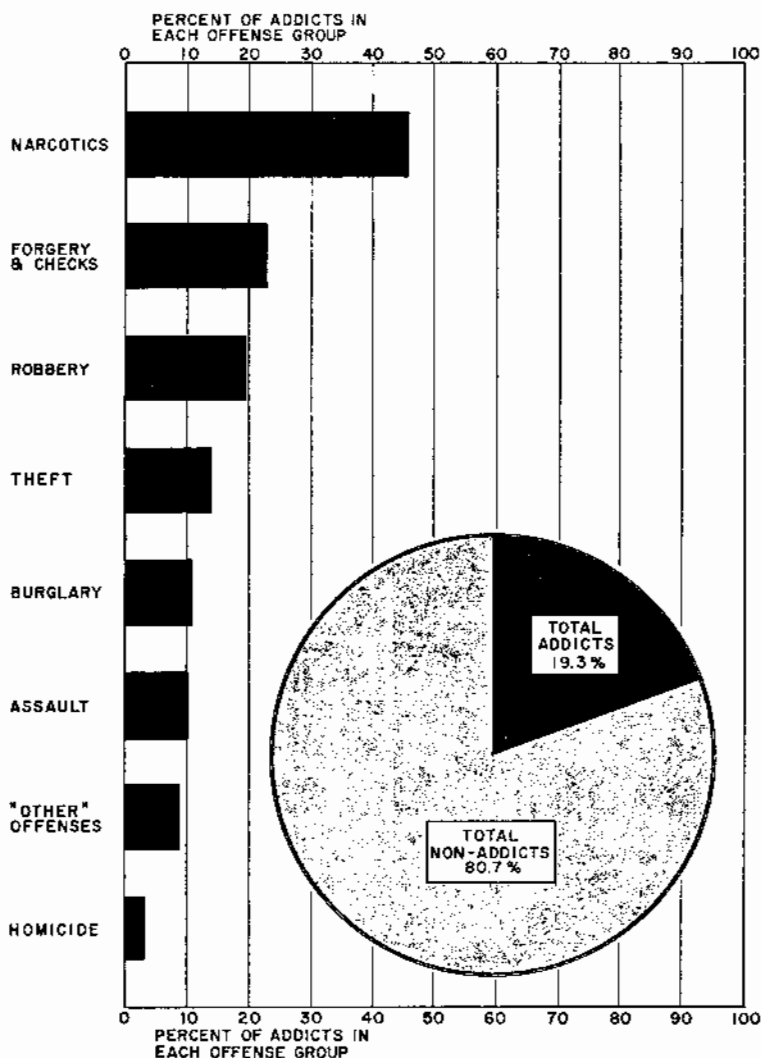


CHART IV B

OFFENSE AND NARCOTIC ADDICTION
WOMEN FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 - 1968



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION IN PRISON

The number of felons in prison was 24,184 on December 31, 1968, approximately 6,200 more than on December 31, 1958. The 1968 prison population consisted of 23,504 men and 680 women.

The characteristics of felons in prison differ from the characteristics of felons newly received from court. Persons serving sentences for more serious crimes generally serve longer sentences than those committed for less serious crimes. This differential in the amount of time in prison alters the percentage distribution of the characteristics of men and women felons in the institution from the percentage distribution of those newly received from court. Selected characteristics of felons in prison December 31, 1968 have been compared with those of 1963 and 1958 in order to show change over time.

As the felons in the reception-guidance centers on the last day of each calendar year were still being studied with respect to their characteristics, the data on these persons were not available until the diagnostic studies were completed, and thus, these individuals were omitted from this chapter. The active felon parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units were also omitted as they were included in the parole population.

OFFENSE

Robbery accounted for the highest percentage of male felons in prison. This offense group increased from 20.8 percent of the population in 1958 to 22.4 percent in 1963 and was 25.5 percent in 1968.

The percentage of prison population in the burglary group has slowly decreased during the last 10 years, but still ranked second and comprised 16.0 percent of the male felons in prison on December 31, 1968. Narcotic offenders, ranking third highest in the percentage of men in prison, constituted 15.1 percent of the population in 1968. This percentage has been fairly constant during the past years, Table 24A.

The forgery and check offense group exhibited the greatest fluctuation in percentage of men in prison, changing from a high of 15.2 percent on December 31, 1958, to a low of 6.8 percent by December 31, 1968.

Women narcotic offenders comprised the highest percentage of women felons in prison on December 31, 1968, with 23.4 percent of the women felons in this category. Women forgery and check offenders ranked second, making up 21.0 percent of the prison population, Table 24B. The percentage of women in prison for forgery and checks has dropped from 30.3 percent of the population in 1958 to 21.0 percent in 1968. The percentage of women in prison for homicide increased from 11.6 percent in 1958 to 17.1 percent in 1968.

The graphic presentation of the offense group percentage distribution for the years 1959 through 1968 clearly reflects the variation in the respective offense distributions, Chart V-A for the male felons, and Chart V-B for the women felons.

TABLE 24A
OFFENSE GROUPS
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Offense	1958	1963	1968
Number of males*	15,953	20,669	22,410
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Homicide	6.9	7.8	9.5
Murder 1st	3.1	3.8	4.1
Murder 2nd	2.4	2.6	3.4
Manslaughter	1.4	1.7	2.0
Robbery	20.8	22.4	25.5
Assault	3.5	3.9	6.1
Burglary	18.6	17.3	16.0
Theft except auto	4.4	4.1	4.6
Auto theft	3.0	2.5	2.6
Forgery and checks	15.2	11.4	6.8
Rape	2.8	3.0	3.2
Other sex	5.3	5.2	5.4
Narcotics	14.1	16.3	15.1
Escape	2.0	2.8	0.9
Habitual criminal	0.8	0.5	0.4
All other	2.6	3.3	3.9

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Centers and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units. The total number of male felons in prison on December 31, was 17,237 in 1958, 22,282 in 1963 and 23,504 in 1968.

TABLE 24B
OFFENSE GROUPS
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Offense	1958	1963	1968
Number of women*	720	674	637
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Homicide	11.6	17.0	17.1
Murder 1st	2.7	3.4	4.0
Murder 2nd	5.3	5.8	6.1
Manslaughter	3.6	7.8	7.0
Robbery	7.3	7.4	9.9
Assault	2.5	4.3	6.0
Burglary	5.9	6.5	6.8
Theft except auto	10.7	9.3	10.8
Auto theft	0.5	0.4	0.6
Forgery and checks	30.3	27.1	21.0
Sex	0.8	0.4	0.5
Narcotics	26.3	22.0	23.4
Escape	1.6	2.0	0.9
All other	2.5	3.6	3.0

* Excludes 43 felons in the Reception-Guidance Center in 1968 and four active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit in 1963. The Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit opened August 1, 1960, and closed May 6, 1965. The Reception-Guidance Center opened July 1, 1965.

CHART IXA

OFFENSE GROUPS

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON
DECEMBER 31, 1959 THROUGH 1968

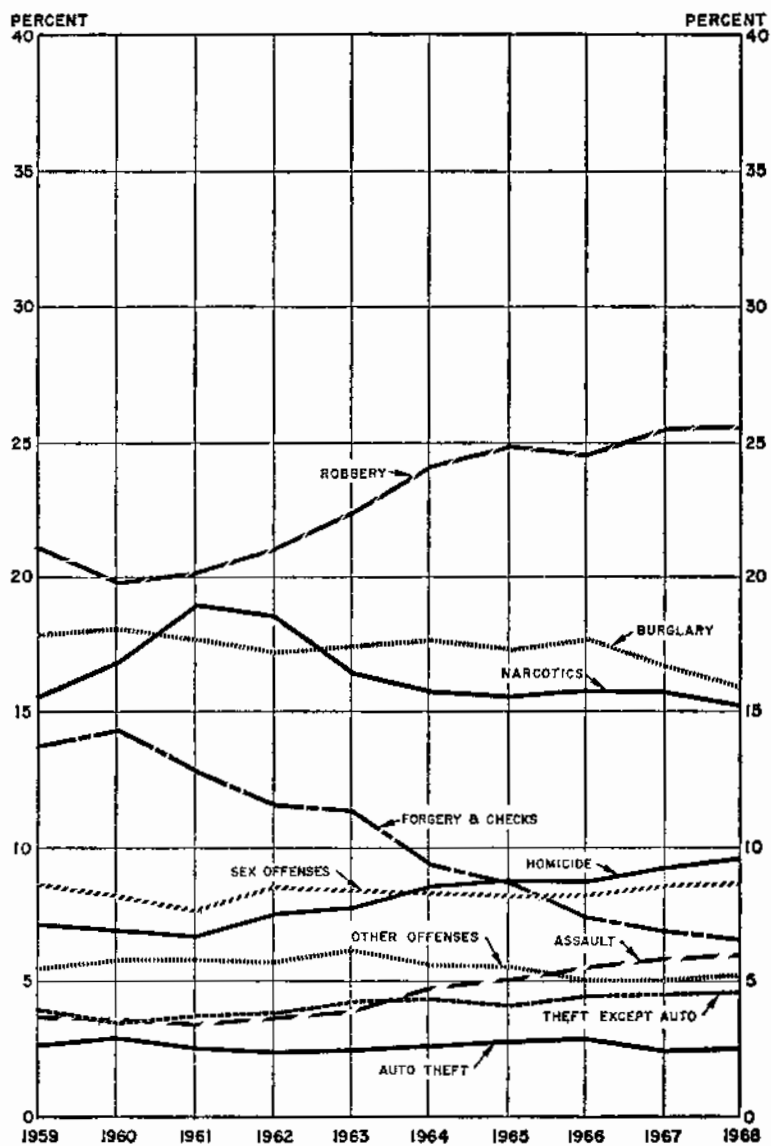
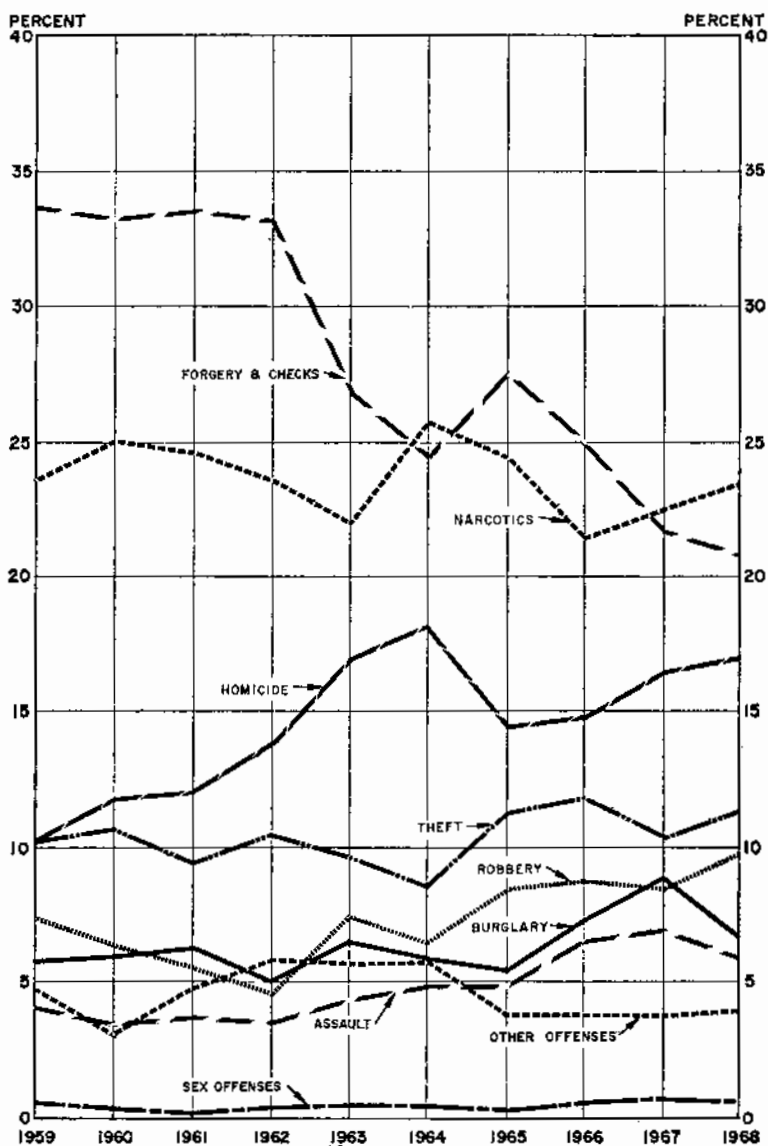


CHART 5B

OFFENSE GROUPS

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
DECEMBER 31, 1959 THROUGH 1968



AGE

The median age of male felons in prison has never varied more than 1.8 years since 1949. The high median of 33.6 years in 1950 has fluctuated to a low of 31.8 years in 1954, 1965 and 1966. This median age was 32.0 years in 1968. Concurrent with the slight increase in the median age from 1966 to 1968 was a decrease in the percentage of men under 25 years of age, from 19.3 percent in 1966 to 18.3 percent in 1968, Table 25A. Percentage under 21 years of age also dropped, from 2.4 percent in 1967 to 2.0 percent in 1968. Percentage distribution changes in age groups are given pictorially in Chart VI-A.

The median age for women felons in prison increased from 32.8 years on December 31, 1967 to 33.5 years on December 31, 1968. During the same year the percentage of women under 25 years dropped from 15.7 percent at the close of 1967 to 15.4 percent at the end of 1968, while the percentage under 21 years increased one percentage point over the previous year from 2.0 to 3.0 percent, Table 25B and Chart VI-B.

TABLE 25A
MEDIAN AGE
MALE FELONS IN PRISON
As of December 31, 1950-1968

Year	Number of male felons in prison*	Median age	Percent under 21 years	Percent under 25 years
1950.....	10,101	33.6	1.4	14.3
1951.....	10,116	32.8	2.1	16.3
1952.....	11,240	32.4	2.2	17.2
1953.....	11,649	32.1	2.2	17.5
1954.....	12,908	31.8	2.3	17.8
1955.....	13,077	32.1	1.9	16.3
1956.....	13,038	32.1	2.0	17.3
1957.....	14,086	32.0	2.3	17.6
1958.....	15,953	31.9	2.6	18.3
1959.....	15,843	31.9	2.8	18.5
1960.....	17,840	31.9	2.5	18.6
1961.....	19,557	31.9	2.2	18.1
1962.....	18,950	32.0	2.3	18.4
1963.....	20,669	32.4	2.0	17.1
1964.....	20,691	32.3	1.7	17.3
1965.....	20,467	31.8	2.4	19.2
1966.....	21,593	31.8	2.5	19.3
1967.....	21,888	31.9	2.4	18.8
1968.....	22,410	32.0	2.0	18.3

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Centers and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units.

TABLE 25B
 MEDIAN AGE
 WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
 As of December 31, 1950-1968

Year	Number of women felons in prison*	Median age	Percent under 21 years	Percent under 25 years
1950.....	325	31.2	3.4	18.7
1951.....	388	30.5	5.0	19.3
1952.....	391	30.2	5.1	20.0
1953.....	447	30.7	3.4	22.4
1954.....	543	30.8	4.2	21.0
1955.....	556	32.6	2.2	16.7
1956.....	608	32.2	3.0	18.3
1957.....	667	31.6	2.8	17.4
1958.....	730	32.1	3.4	19.9
1959.....	801	32.3	3.2	17.2
1960.....	817	32.7	3.1	17.0
1961.....	807	32.3	2.0	16.8
1962.....	702	32.9	2.8	15.1
1963.....	674	33.7	1.9	14.5
1964.....	608	33.8	1.8	14.0
1965.....	786	33.1	2.3	16.0
1966.....	836	33.3	2.3	16.3
1967.....	704	32.8	2.0	15.7
1968.....	637	33.5	3.0	15.4

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Center since 1965 and excludes active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

Approximately 75 percent of the male felons in prison on December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968 were under 40 years of age, Table 26A. Less than five percent of this population were 55 years or older.

Women felons in prison who were under 40 years of age at the close of the calendar year comprised 77 percent of the population in 1958, 75 percent in 1963, and decreased again to 74 percent in 1968, Table 26B. Percentage of women who were in their forties increased from 14.0 percent in 1958 to 19.7 percent of the prison population in 1968.

ETHNIC GROUPS

Approximately one out of every two male felons in prison on December 31, 1968 was of the white ethnic group. This group has shown a decreasing trend over the past 10 years, Table 27A. The percentage of Negro male felons in prison during the same period increased from 21.8 percent in 1958 to 28.0 percent in 1968, while the percentage of white, Mexican descent, group has varied between 16.8 and 16.2 percent.

CHART VIIA
AGE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ADULT MALE FELONS IN PRISON
DECEMBER 31, 1958, 1963, AND 1968



CHART VII B
 AGE
 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ADULT WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
 DECEMBER 31, 1958, 1963, AND 1968

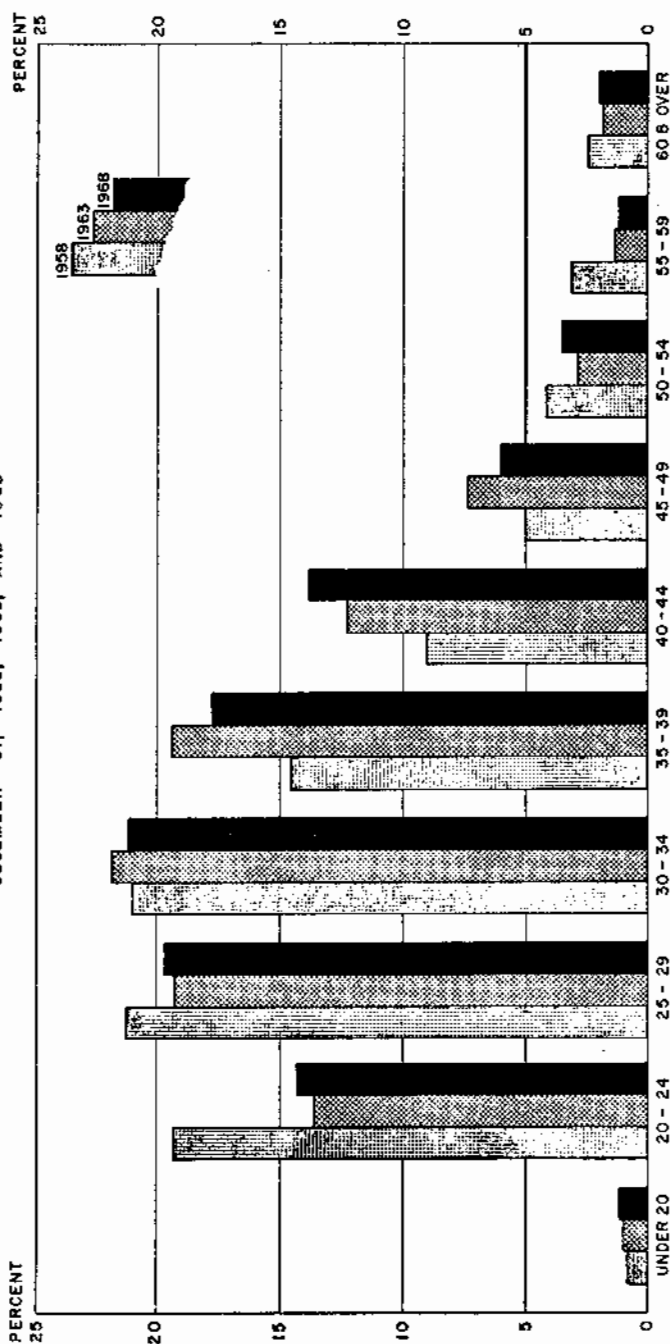


TABLE 26A
AGE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Age	1958	1963	1968
Number of males*	15,953	20,669	22,410
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20	1.0	0.6	0.6
20-24	17.3	16.5	17.7
25-29	23.6	23.4	24.3
30-34	20.6	19.6	18.4
35-39	13.3	16.1	13.9
40-44	8.7	9.7	10.6
45-49	6.2	5.7	6.2
50-54	4.0	3.8	3.6
55-59	2.6	2.2	2.3
60 and over	2.7	2.4	2.4
Median age in years	31.9	32.4	32.0
Percent under 21	2.6	2.0	2.0
Percent under 25	18.3	17.1	18.3

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Centers and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units.

TABLE 26B
AGE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Age	1958	1963	1968
Number of women*	730	674	637
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 20	0.7	1.0	1.1
20-24	19.2	13.5	14.3
25-29	21.2	19.1	19.6
30-34	21.0	21.8	21.2
35-39	14.5	19.3	17.6
40-44	9.0	12.2	13.7
45-49	5.0	7.3	6.0
50-54	4.1	2.7	2.4
55-59	3.0	1.3	1.2
60 and over	2.3	1.8	1.9
Median age in years	32.1	33.7	33.5
Percent under 21	3.4	1.9	3.0
Percent under 25	19.9	14.5	15.4

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Center and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

TABLE 27A
ETHNIC GROUPS
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Ethnic groups	1958	1963	1968
Number of males*.....	15,953	20,669	22,410
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	59.0	55.5	54.4
White, Mexican descent.....	16.8	16.7	16.2
Negro.....	21.8	26.0	28.0
Other.....	2.4	1.8	1.4

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Centers and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

TABLE 27B
ETHNIC GROUPS
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Ethnic groups	1958	1963	1968
Number of women*.....	730	674	637
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
White.....	61.2	59.4	58.3
White, Mexican descent.....	4.4	5.9	6.1
Negro.....	31.4	32.0	33.4
Other.....	3.0	2.7	2.2

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Center and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

The percentage of women felons of the white ethnic group decreased from 61.2 percent of the prison population on December 31, 1958 to 58.3 percent in 1968, Table 27B. The white, Mexican descent, group comprised 4.4 percent of the population in 1958 and 6.1 percent at the close of 1968. One out of every three women in the California prisons as of December 31, 1968, was of the Negro group. This group has shown many increases and decreases over the past 10 years. The 33.4 percent figure for 1968 was only two percentage points higher than the 1958 figure.

PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD

Slightly over 44 percent of the male felons in prison on December 31, 1968, had served at least one prior prison commitment.

During the past 10 years the percentage of male felons in prison who had served prior jail or juvenile sentences increased from 38.0 percent in 1958 to 45.0 percent in 1968. At the same time, the men in prison who had served prior prison commitments decreased from 50.1 percent in 1958 to 44.2 percent in 1968, Table 28A. These variations in the proportion of male felons who had served prior prison commitments are more clearly demonstrated for the years 1964 through 1968 in Chart VII-A.

TABLE 28A

PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON

December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Type of prior commitment served	1958	1963	1968
Number of males*	15,953	20,669	22,410
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
No prior commitment	11.9	10.8	10.8
Prior jail or juvenile only	38.0	41.0	45.0
Prior prison commitment	50.1	48.2	44.2
One prison	26.1	25.0	22.5
Two prison	12.4	12.1	11.4
Three prison	6.2	5.9	5.5
Four or more prison	5.4	5.2	4.8

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Centers and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units.

TABLE 28B

PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON

December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Type of prior commitment served	1958	1963	1968
Number of women*	730	674	637
Total percent	100.0	100.0	100.0
No prior commitment	33.3	30.6	27.3
Prior jail or juvenile only	45.6	38.3	45.7
Prior prison commitment	21.1	31.1	27.0
One prison	15.2	21.3	19.0
Two prison	3.8	6.1	4.4
Three prison	1.0	2.4	2.0
Four or more prison	1.1	1.3	1.6

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Center and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

CHART VII A
PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON
1964 - 1968

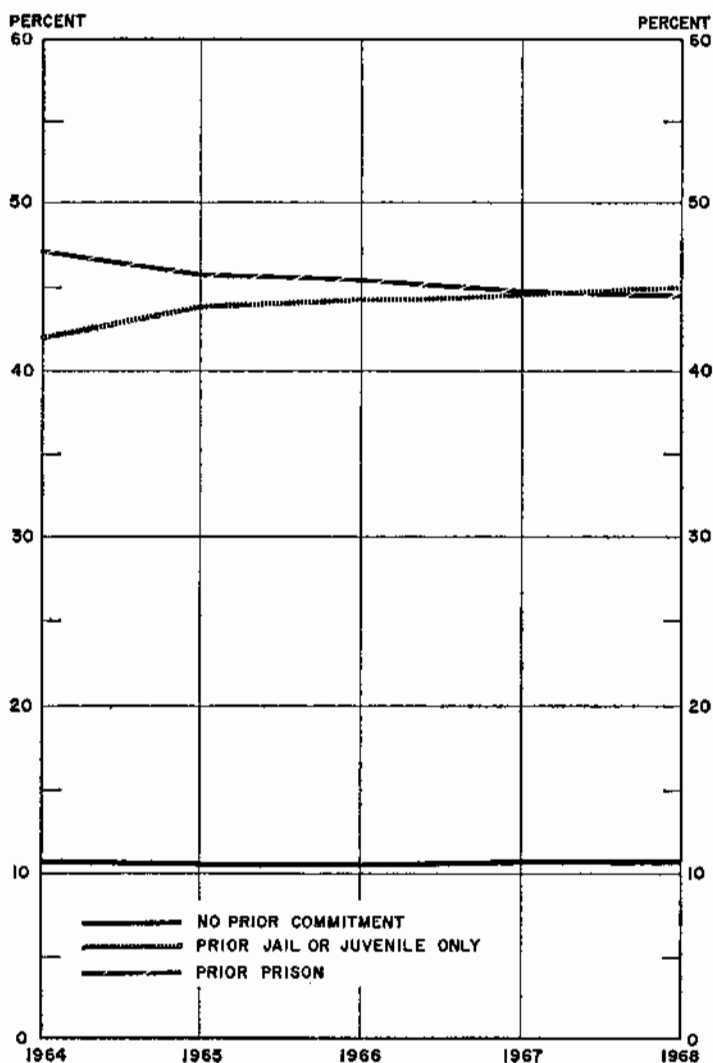
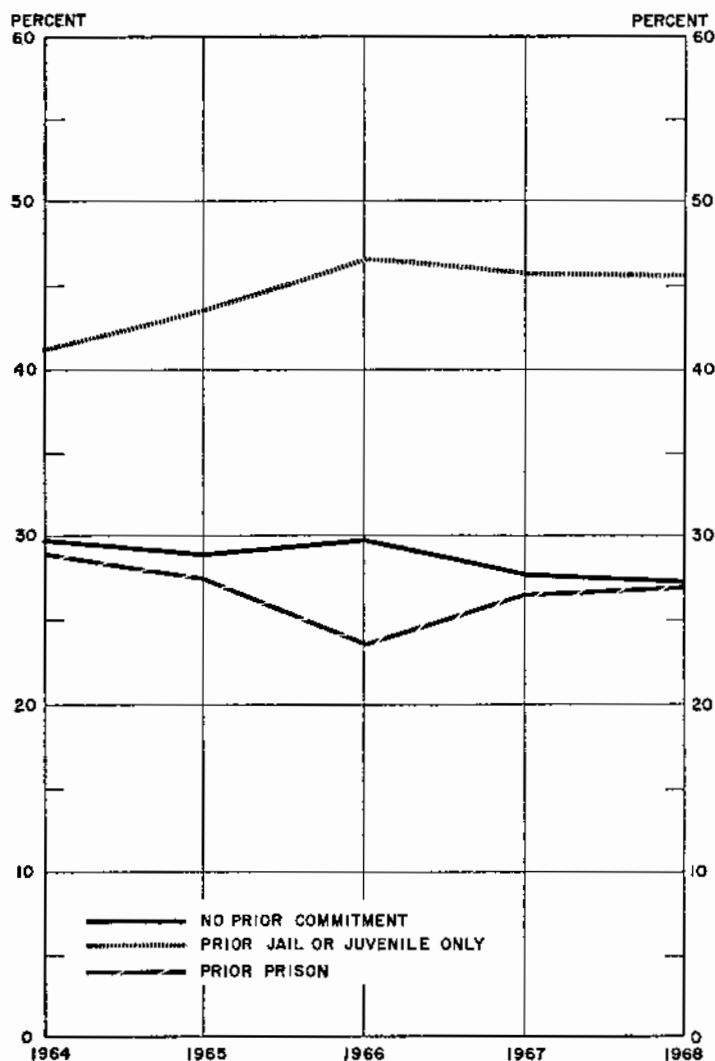


CHART VII B
PRIOR COMMITMENT RECORD
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
1964 - 1968



The women felons in prison who served prior jail or juvenile commitments comprised 45.7 percent of the total women in prison on December 31, 1968. This percentage was almost identical to the 45.6 percent for 1958, although this figure had dropped to 38.3 percent in 1963. Women with prior prison commitments increased from 21.1 percent in 1958 to 31.1 percent in 1963, and dropped to 27.0 percent in 1968, Table 28B. Women who had never served a criminal commitment prior to their present incarceration decreased from 33.3 percent in 1958 to 27.3 percent in 1968. The proportion of women in prison who had served prior prison commitments during the years 1964 through 1968 is shown in Chart VII-B.

STATUS WITH REFERENCE TO PAROLE

Over 70 percent of the male felons in prison on December 31, 1968 had not been paroled since commitment. The percentage of male felons who had never been paroled since commitment decreased from 75.5 percent of the prison population on December 31, 1958 to 66.2 percent in 1963, then increased to 70.4 percent at the close of 1968. The men who had been paroled and returned as violators three or more times showed an increase from 0.9 percent of the 1958 population to 5.5 percent in 1968, Table 29A.

The ratio of women felons in the prisons who had never been paroled since commitment to the total in prison population varied from 73.7 percent at the close of 1958 to 60.7 percent in 1963, and increased to 64.8 percent by December 31, 1968, Table 29B. Women felons who had been paroled and returned three or more times as violators showed a large relative increase during the past decade, from 3.0 percent in 1958 to 12.9 percent by December 31, 1968.

TABLE 29A
STATUS WITH REFERENCE TO PAROLE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Status with reference to parole	1958	1963	1968
Number of males*.....	15,953	20,669	22,410
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not paroled since commitment.....	75.5	66.2	70.4
Paroled and returned.....	24.5	33.8	29.6
Once as violator.....	19.8	23.5	15.8
Twice as violator.....	3.8	7.9	8.3
Three or more times as violator.....	0.9	2.4	5.5

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Centers and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units.

TABLE 29B
STATUS WITH REFERENCE TO PAROLE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS IN PRISON
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Status with reference to parole	1958	1963	1968
Number of women*.....	730	674	637
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not paroled since commitment.....	73.7	60.7	64.8
Paroled and returned.....	26.3	39.3	35.2
Once as violator.....	17.5	19.3	14.9
Twice as violator.....	5.8	11.4	7.4
Three or more times as violator.....	3.0	8.6	12.9

* Excludes felons in the Reception-Guidance Center and active parolees in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

FELONS RELEASED FROM PRISON

Almost 99 percent of all felons committed to the Director of Corrections are returned to free society.

A person convicted of a felony and committed to the Director of Corrections by the superior court is either under an indeterminate sentence or a definite sentence of life or death. California statutes specify the maximum and minimum terms to be served under the indeterminate sentence law. However, the minimum time a person must stay in prison may be increased by other statutory provisions which cause an aggravation or lengthening of the minimum term. The type of court findings which increase the length of stay in prison are a prior conviction, the use or possession of a deadly weapon, or one or more consecutive sentences.

Within the statutory sentences set forth in the California laws, the Adult Authority for male felons and the Women's Board of Terms and Parole for women felons determine the length of time an inmate must serve for each offense. Each inmate is interviewed, his case history considered, and his institution adjustment record is studied by the board before his term is set. Some inmates are discharged directly from prison but most receive a term combining time in prison and a period on parole. The sentencing boards also have the authority to return to prison felons who violate the conditions of their parole.

The time served by inmates in an institution for their first incarceration under the present offense cannot be compared to the time served by those who have been returned to prison after a violation of parole. The measurement of time served by a person after return to an institution from parole cannot be specified as to the proportion of time attributable to the original offense and the additional proportion resulting from subsequent criminal behavior while on parole.

METHOD OF RELEASE

Men assigned to parole supervision accounted for 92.0 percent of all men released from prison in 1968. Men discharged from prison at expiration of sentence comprised 6.6 percent of the men released while the remaining 1.4 percent died while in prison. Comparing the method of release in 1968 with 1967, a greater proportion of those released in 1968 was placed under parole supervision than in 1967, and conversely a lesser percentage was discharged direct from prison at expiration of sentence. The methods of release from prison are given in Table 3, with further classification of these methods presented in Tables 30A and 30B.

Of the male felons first released from the institution during 1968, 93.2 percent were placed on parole supervision and 5.3 percent were discharged at expiration of sentence, Table 30A. The pattern of male

TABLE 30A
METHOD OF RELEASE
MALE FELONS RELEASED FROM PRISON
1967 and 1968

Method of release	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	7,426	100.0	6,544	100.0
Parole.....	6,709	90.2	6,021	92.0
Regular units.....	6,241	83.9	5,642	84.7
Narcotic Treatment-Control Units and short term return units.....	468	6.3	479	7.3
Expiration of sentence.....	630	8.5	429	6.6
Death.....	86	1.3	94	1.4
Execution.....	1	0.0	--	--
First release.....	4,351	100.0	3,824	100.0
Parole.....	4,012	92.2	3,564	93.2
Expiration.....	279	6.4	203	5.3
Death.....	59	1.4	57	1.5
Execution.....	1	0.0	--	--
Re-release.....	3,075	--	2,720	--
From regular units after return with new commitment.....	874	100.0	741	100.0
Parole.....	791	90.5	688	92.9
Expiration of sentence.....	68	7.8	29	3.9
Death.....	15	1.7	24	3.2
Execution.....	--	--	--	--
From regular units after return without new commitment.....	1,724	100.0	1,488	100.0
Parole.....	1,438	83.4	1,290	86.7
Expiration of sentence.....	274	15.9	186	12.5
Death.....	12	0.7	12	0.8
From Narcotic Treatment-Control Units and short term return units.....	477	100.0	491	100.0
Parole.....	468	98.1	479	97.6
Expiration of sentence.....	9	1.9	11	2.2
Death.....	--	--	1	0.2

felons re-released from regular institution units after being returned from parole with a new commitment is similar to those first released. Nearly 93 percent of the male felons re-released after return from parole with a new commitment were again reparaoled, while only about 4 percent were discharged direct from the institution at expiration of sentence.

The percentages differed markedly in method of release for male felons re-released from regular units after return from parole without a new California commitment when compared with those returned with a new commitment. Of the felons who were released during 1968 who

had been returned from parole without a new commitment, 86.7 percent were again placed on parole and 12.5 percent were discharged from prison at expiration of sentence. Of the 491 men re-released from the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units and the short term return units, 97.6 percent were paroled and 2.2 percent were discharged at expiration of sentence.

Over 98 percent of the women released from prison in 1968 were released to parole supervision, while the remaining 1.8 percent were discharged directly from the institution. Of the 320 women felons released from the institution for the first time, 99.4 percent were paroled. This proportion was similar for women re-paroled after return from parole, with or without a new commitment, Table 30B.

PAROLE

The 6,021 male felons released from prison to parole during 1968 was the least number released since 1963. Of these men paroled, 3,564 felons were released to parole supervision for the first time. This was the smallest number of men first paroled since 1958. This drop in the

TABLE 30B
METHOD OF RELEASE
WOMEN FELONS RELEASED FROM PRISON
1967 and 1968

Method of release	1967		1968	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	644	100.0	604	100.0
Parole	623	96.7	593	98.2
Expiration of sentence	18	2.8	11	1.8
Death	3	0.5	--	--
Execution	--	--	--	--
First release	338	100.0	320	100.0
Parole	334	98.8	318	99.4
Expiration of sentence	2	0.6	2	0.6
Death	2	0.6	--	--
Execution	--	--	--	--
Re-release	306	--	284	--
After return with new commitment	43	100.0	42	100.0
Parole	42	97.7	42	100.0
Expiration of sentence	--	--	--	--
Death	1	2.3	--	--
After return without new commitment	263	100.0	242	100.0
Parole	247	93.9	233	96.3
Expiration of sentence	16	6.1	9	3.7
Death	--	--	--	--

number of men first paroled reflects the decrease in the number of men newly received from court during the past few years.

Any study of time served in prison must take into consideration the status of felons at time of release. The principal types of status at time of release are: (1) release for the first time, (2) re-release after return from parole with a new California felony commitment, and (3) re-release after return to prison from parole without a new California felony commitment. The time served in prison by persons first released to parole can be considered having been related to the offense or offenses for which the person was committed and to their subsequent institution behavior. This relationship is not as evident in male felons re-released after return from parole. It is impossible to separate the time served in the institution after return as to whether it pertained to a new offense, a behavior situation while on release, or some other related behavior.

A median time of 36 months was served in prison by male felons before first parole in 1968. This was an increase of six months, or 20 percent, from the median of 30 months served by men first paroled in 1967. This median has been slowly increasing from the 24 months median for men released during 1959 and 1960, Table 31A. Male felons re-paroled in 1968 after return with a new California felony commitment served a median time of 37 months in prison, which was a two-month increase over the 1967 median, and was also the longest stay for this group since 1958 when the median time served was 38 months.

Male felons returned to prison without a new commitment served a median of 17 months in prison before reparole during the past two years. If the men released from the short term return unit programs are included in the reparole figures, this median time served becomes twelve months for men returned without a new commitment who were re-released during 1968. Excluding male felons released from the short term return programs, the medians of time served by the three principal groups are shown graphically in Chart VIII-A.

The 593 women felons paroled in 1968 were 30 less than the 623 women paroled during 1967. The median time served in prison by women felons first paroled has reflected an increase each year from a low of 12 months in 1965 to 18 months for 1968, Table 31B. The time served by women felons re-paroled after return to prison with a new California felony commitment increased from 21.5 months prior to re-release in 1967 to 24.5 months before reparole in 1968. For the past two years, women re-paroled after return to prison without a new commitment served a median time of 11 months in prison before re-release to parole. Chart VIII-B shows these changes in the medians of time served.

TABLE 31A
 TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON
 BEFORE LAST PAROLE BY YEAR
 MALE FELONS PAROLED
 1950 through 1968

Year of parole	Total number paroled	First parole		Reparole after return to prison					
				With new California commitment		Without new California commitment			
		Number	Median time served in months	Number	Median time served in months	Number including special units*	Median time served in months	Number excluding special units†	Median time served in months
1950.....	2,330	1,987	27	149	39	194	16		
1951.....	2,646	2,282	30	178	42	186	13		
1952.....	2,495	2,185	30	187	45	123	16		
1953.....	3,181	2,717	30	299	42	165	18		
1954.....	3,272	2,874	30	251	44	147	20		
1955.....	3,419	2,975	30	295	45	149	17		
1956.....	4,117	3,557	29	415	39	244	17		
1957.....	3,849	3,253	30	448	39	148	19		
1958.....	3,730	3,088	27	457	38	194	18		
1959.....	5,751	4,637	24	685	33	429	17		
1960.....	4,871	3,907	24	561	33	403	21		
1961.....	5,689	4,435	27	636	36	618	19	557	20
1962.....	7,457	5,415	27	945	31	1,097	17	957	19
1963.....	5,821	4,058	30	640	33	1,123	18	982	21
1964.....	7,216	4,611	30	918	32	1,687	16	1,487	17
1965.....	8,103	4,831	30	984	33	2,348	15	2,068	16
1966.....	6,490	3,809	30	768	33	1,913	13	1,603	15
1967.....	6,709	4,012	30	791	35	1,906	14	1,438	17
1968.....	6,021	3,564	36	688	37	1,769	12	1,290	17

* Includes felons repared from Narcotic Treatment-Control Units and Short term return units.

† Excludes felons repared from Narcotic Treatment-Control Units and Short term return units.

TABLE 31B
TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON
BEFORE LAST PAROLE BY YEAR

WOMEN FELONS PAROLED

1950 through 1968

Year of parole	Total number paroled	First parole		Reparole after return to prison			
				With new Calif. commitment		Without new Calif. commitment	
		Number	Median time served in months	Number	Median time served in months	Number	Median time served in months
1950.....	163	128	20	4	--	31	14
1951.....	115	82	26	3	--	30	14
1952.....	177	155	26	4	--	18	--
1953.....	200	163	24	13	--	24	--
1954.....	190	148	23	9	--	33	13
1955.....	230	187	24	9	--	34	14
1956.....	275	195	25	18	--	62	13
1957.....	244	182	24	15	--	47	17
1958.....	320	251	24	25	29	44	14
1959.....	359	253	24	20	--	86	13.5
1960.....	412	278	20	29	23	105	15
1961.....	558	382	20	46	23	130*	10
1962.....	597	410	17	44	22	143*	8
1963.....	546	310	15	48	20	188*	8
1964.....	541	294	13	60	18	187*	9
1965.....	462	273	12	51	16	138*	10
1966.....	558	298	14	62	18	198	12
1967.....	623	334	17	42	21.5	247	11
1968.....	593	318	18	42	24.5	233	11

* Excludes women repared from Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit; 4 in 1961, 8 in 1962, 10 in 1963, 12 in 1964, and 5 in 1965. The first Unit opened on August 1, 1960 and closed during 1965.

CHART VIII A

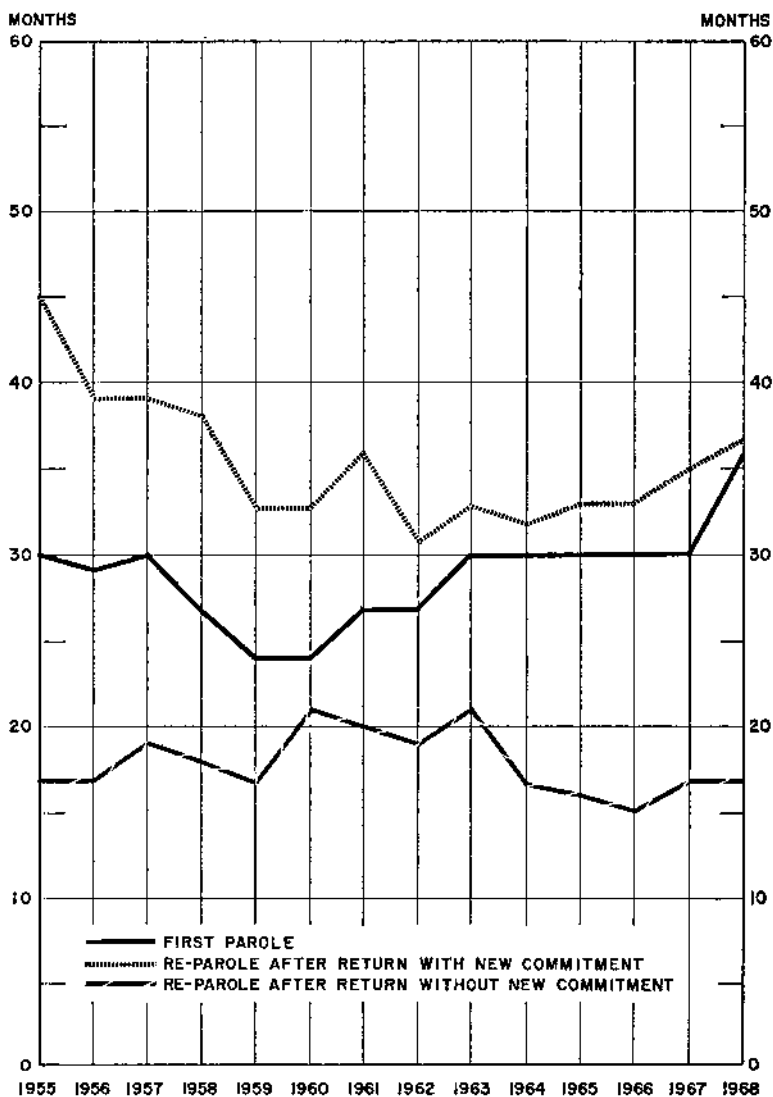
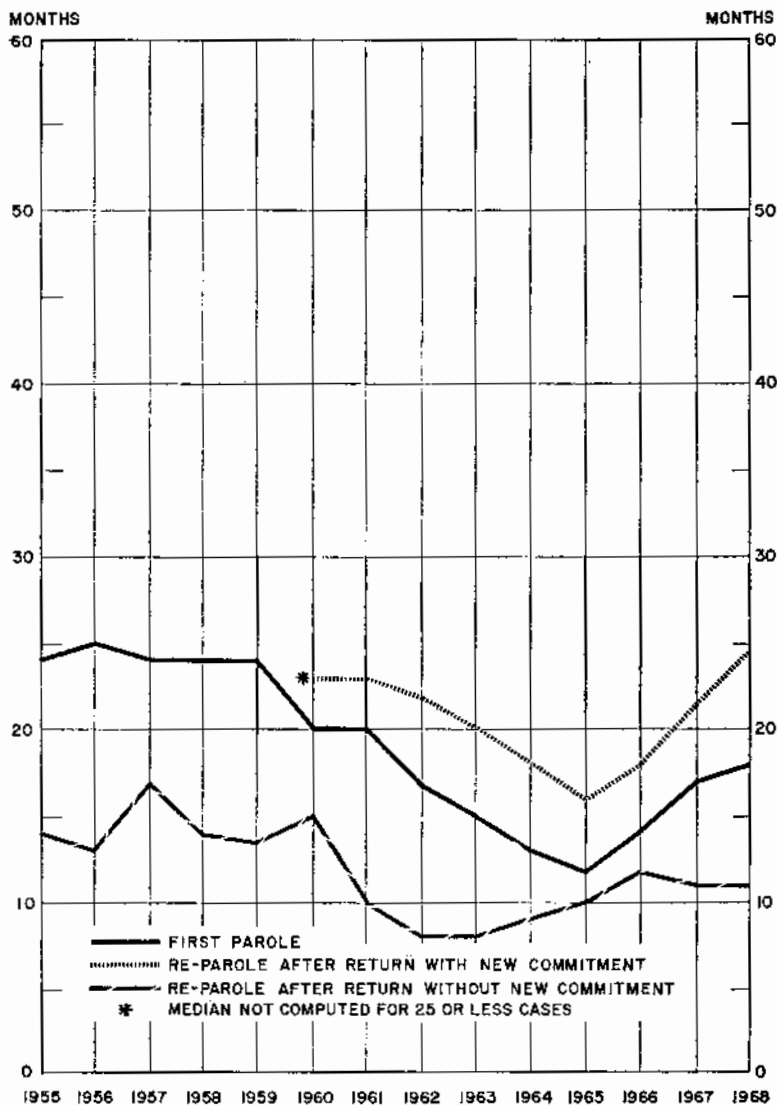
TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON
BEFORE LAST PAROLEMALE FELONS PAROLED
1955 THROUGH 1968

CHART VII B

TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON
BEFORE LAST PAROLEWOMEN FELONS PAROLED
1955 THROUGH 1968

FIRST PAROLE

The medians of time served in prison by male felons before first parole in 1968 were longer than those in 1967 for 13 major offense groups, representing 63 percent of men first paroled in 1968. These offenses were: murder first and second degree, burglary first and second degree, grand theft except auto, auto theft, petty theft with prior, receiving stolen property, forgery and checks, rape, lewd act with child, opiate derivative and marijuana, Table 32A. The amount of time served in prison before release to first parole in 1968 decreased from the 1967 median time figure in two of the offense groups (robbery first degree and attempted robbery) while three of the offense groups remained the same for both years.

Nearly two-thirds, or 2,273 men, of the 3,564 male felons paroled for the first time during 1968 were in six, or one-third, of the nineteen offense groups. These six offense groups accounted for fairly similar percentages of the three major ethnic groups: 63.5 percent of the white men, 68.3 percent of the white of Mexican descent, and 62.9 percent of the Negro male felons. However, within the six offense groups there were differences in ethnic group—offense composition. For example, burglary second degree and forgery and checks were the two major offenses of the men of white ethnic group first paroled during 1968, opiate and burglary second degree for the white men of Mexican descent, robbery first degree and burglary second degree for the Negro men.

A number of variations in the median time served before first parole by offense and ethnic group are evident when 1967 and 1968 data are compared. The shortest median time served by men first paroled during 1967 who had a burglary second degree conviction was the 22 months served by men classified as white of Mexican descent. Of the burglars second degree first paroled in 1968, white male felons served 26 months, the shortest median time for an ethnic group.

Considering the offense group of robbery first degree, white men of Mexican descent served the shortest median time, 44.5 months, of men first paroled in 1967. The Negro served 44 months, the shortest median time served for first degree robbery by men first paroled in 1968.

Although most of the men released in 1967 and 1968 after conviction for forgery and check offenses were of the white ethnic group, the men classified as white of Mexican descent served the shortest median time, 17 months, before first parole in 1967. The median time served, by forgers and check writers was 24 months before first parole in 1968 for each ethnic group.

Men of the white ethnic group released to first parole during 1967 served a median time of 38 months for opiate derivative offenses, the least amount of time for any of the ethnic groups. In 1968, the 42 months median time served by Negro men was the smallest median. For the marijuana offense category white men served the least amount of time before first parole in both 1967 and 1968, 26 and 30 months respectively. The other two ethnic groups each served 36 months

TABLE 32A—1967
OFFENSE, ETHNIC GROUP AND TIME SERVED IN PRISON
MALE FELONS PAROLED FOR THE FIRST TIME
1967

Selected offense groups	Total			White			White, Mexican descent			Negro			Other
	Number	Time served in months		Number	Time served in months		Number	Time served in months		Number	Time served in months		
		Median	Range middle 80%		Median	Range middle 80%		Median	Range middle 80%		Median	Range middle 80%	
All offenses*	4,012	30	14-60	2,332	26	12-56	619	33	15-61	997	34	17-60	64
Murder 1st.....	23	126	102-180	13	--	--	8	--	--	7	--	--	--
Murder 2nd.....	43	62	42-90	14	--	--	7	--	--	21	60	42-90	1
Manslaughter.....	60	42	27-78	31	41	31-67	8	--	--	21	43	32-84	--
Robbery 1st.....	420	47	34-75	239	45	33-76	32	44.5	35-72	142	48	35-72	7
Robbery 2nd.....	209	36	24-65	102	36	24-66	19	39	24-86	83	36	24-60	5
Attempted robbery.....	38	37.5	18-49	20	36.5	18-48	4	--	--	14	--	--	--
Assault with deadly weapon.....	154	36	22-62	83	36	18-60	29	35	24-49	56	36	24-66	6
Burglary 1st.....	92	37	24-79	56	36	23-79	9	--	--	24	41	30-79	3
Burglary 2nd.....	836	24	12-42	531	24	12-42	116	22	12-42	171	23	12-37	18
Grand theft except auto.....	206	23	11-39	117	23	11-39	32	23.5	12-39	54	24	09-40	3
Auto theft.....	248	21	12-42	172	19	12-42	25	21	14-36	48	24	13-41	3
Petty theft with prior.....	80	21	12-33	12	--	--	6	--	--	13	--	--	--
Receiving stolen property.....	73	18	12-36	50	18	12-30	11	--	--	13	--	--	--
Forgery and checks.....	519	19	12-32	404	19	12-34	35	17	12-30	73	19	12-30	7
Rape.....	68	36	18-72	33	31	12-72	12	--	--	22	39.5	20-80	1
Lewd act with child.....	93	38	24-75	69	37	24-81	10	--	--	13	--	--	1
Opiate derivative.....	235	42	30-87	49	38	20-66	134	44	30-67	47	48	30-75	5
Marijuana.....	334	30	18-48	135	26	18-43	77	36	18-48	120	36	18-57	2
Dangerous drugs.....	10	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--

* Includes offenses not shown.
Note: Median computed for 15 or more cases.

TABLE 32A—1968
OFFENSE, ETHNIC GROUP AND TIME SERVED IN PRISON
MALE FELONS PAROLED FOR THE FIRST TIME
1968

Selected offense groups	Total			White			White, Mexican descent			Negro			Other
	Number	Time served in months		Number	Time served in months		Number	Time served in months		Number	Time served in months		
		Median	Range middle 80%		Median	Range middle 80%		Median	Range middle 80%		Median	Range middle 80%	
All offenses*	3,564	36	18-64	2,068	32	19-64	543	35	20-63	908	36	21-65	47
Murder 1st.....	24	145	114-240	12	--	--	4	--	--	8	--	--	--
Murder 2nd.....	54	65.5	48-120	29	76	54-144	5	--	--	19	64	51-109	1
Manslaughter.....	57	42	24-72	23	42	24-72	8	--	--	22	40	27-54	4
Robbery 1st.....	487	45	21-78	289	45	35-81	39	45	33-86	158	44	36-72	1
Robbery 2nd.....	214	36	25-64	122	36	25-66	15	36	24-52	73	36	27-60	4
Attempted robbery.....	31	36	30-78	19	35	24-74	3	--	--	9	--	--	--
Assault with deadly weapon.....	158	36	22-62	67	34	19-71	34	31	22-60	54	36	24-57	3
Burglary 1st.....	82	42	30-60	49	39	30-57	13	--	--	19	48	30-80	1
Burglary 2nd.....	641	27	18-45	399	26	18-45	91	30	19-45	145	28	18-41	6
Grand theft except auto.....	149	25	18-45	93	24	17-40	16	33	18-52	37	29	18-58	3
Auto theft.....	131	24	15-42	106	24	15-41	21	21	18-36	31	30	18-42	8
Petty theft with prior.....	24	24	16-30	9	--	--	6	--	--	8	--	--	1
Receiving stolen property.....	60	24	13-38	31	27	18-36	3	--	--	14	--	--	2
Forgery and checks.....	403	24	16-38	316	24	16-32	35	24	15-42	48	24	18-42	4
Rape.....	60	45	24-96	28	46	22-96	9	--	--	20	48	24-99	3
Lewd act with child.....	87	39	24-79	73	40	27-79	7	--	--	6	--	--	2
Opiate derivative.....	219	46	30-75	67	43	24-72	114	48	38-72	38	42	30-60	--
Marijuana.....	309	36	21-52	118	30	20-48	77	36	18-50	109	36	24-60	5
Dangerous drugs.....	80	23.5	13-31	17	24	12-33	1	--	--	12	--	--	--

* Includes offenses not shown.
Note: Median computed for 15 or more cases.

TABLE 32B
OFFENSE AND TIME SERVED IN PRISON
WOMEN FELONS PAROLED FOR THE FIRST TIME
1967 and 1968

Selected offense groups*	1967		1968	
	Number	Median time served in months	Number	Median time served in months
All offenses†.....	334	17	318	18
Manslaughter.....	18	21	23	24
Robbery 1st.....	17	26	13	--
Assault with deadly weapon.....	15	18	22	20
Burglary 2nd.....	22	14.5	25	18
Grand theft except auto.....	28	17	26	17
Forgery and checks.....	106	13	86	14
Narcotics.....	48	29	41	26

* Only offense groups with combined total of 25 or more cases during 1967 and 1968 are shown. Median computed for 15 or more cases.

† Includes offenses not shown.

median time prior to first release during both years. Men convicted of robbery second degree served a median time of 36 months prior to first parole in 1967 and in 1968. This median was served by men of all ethnic groups except those designated as white of Mexican descent released in 1967. This group served a median time of 39 months in that year only.

The median time served in prison by women felons before first parole increased from 17 months for those released in 1967 to 18 months for those released in 1968. An increase in median time served was reflected in four of the offense groups shown in Table 32B. The median time served before first parole by women convicted of burglary second degree increased by 3.5 months in 1968 over 1967. There was a three-month increase in the time served for manslaughter and a two-month increase for assault with a deadly weapon. Women felons convicted of grand theft except auto served the same median before release in 1967 and 1968, 17 months. The only offense group in which there was a decrease in the median time served was for narcotic offenses, which dropped from 29 months for women first paroled in 1967 to 26 months in 1968.

DISCHARGE FROM PRISON AT EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE

The 15 months median time served by male felons in prison before first release by discharge in 1967 increased to 18 months for men released in 1968.

Male felons discharged from prison at expiration of sentence in 1968 numbered 429 men, the lowest number discharged during the period 1950-1968, Table 33A. This number included men first released by discharge, men discharged after return to prison from parole with a new California commitment, and men discharged after return to prison from parole without a new California commitment. The relationship in the amount of time served by these three groups is shown in Chart IX. Male felons discharged after return to prison from parole with a new California commitment served a median time of 32 months in prison before discharge in 1968. This was a five-month increase over the 1967 median time figure. Men discharged after return to the institution from parole without a new commitment served a

TABLE 33A

TYPE OF DISCHARGE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON DURING LAST STAY BEFORE DISCHARGE BY YEAR

MALE FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PRISON AT EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE
1950 through 1968

Year of discharge	Total number discharged	First release by discharge		Discharged after return from parole			
				With new Calif. commitment		Without new Calif. commitment	
		Number	Median time served in mos.	Number	Median time served in mos.	Number	Median time served in mos.
1950	783	340	24	31	42	412	18
1951	982	474	24	45	43	463	20
1952	579	308	24	33	51	238	18
1953	822	429	24	71	48	322	20.5
1954	776	379	24	62	48.5	335	20
1955	1,016	491	30	98	48	427	19
1956	1,007	519	30	112	47	376	18
1957	866	490	24	111	38	265	19
1958	927	551	24	91	40	285	17
1959	1,324	722	24	147	33	455	16
1960	750	441	24	84	33.5	225	17
1961	662	354	24	75	36	233	17
1962	780	426	24	73	33	281	15
1963	656	276	21	60	31	319	14
1964	942	377	21	125	30	440	14
1965	1,063	423	24	109	30	531	13
1966	704	302	12	52	30	350	11
1967	630	279	15	68	27	283	13
1968	429	203	18	29	32	197	11

median time of 11 months before discharge in 1968, identical to the low figure experienced previously only in 1966.

Only eleven women were discharged from prison at expiration of sentence during 1968. Since the total number of women discharged from prison each year is so few, computation of median time is not meaningful. The number of women felons discharged each year from 1950 through 1968 is shown in Table 33B.

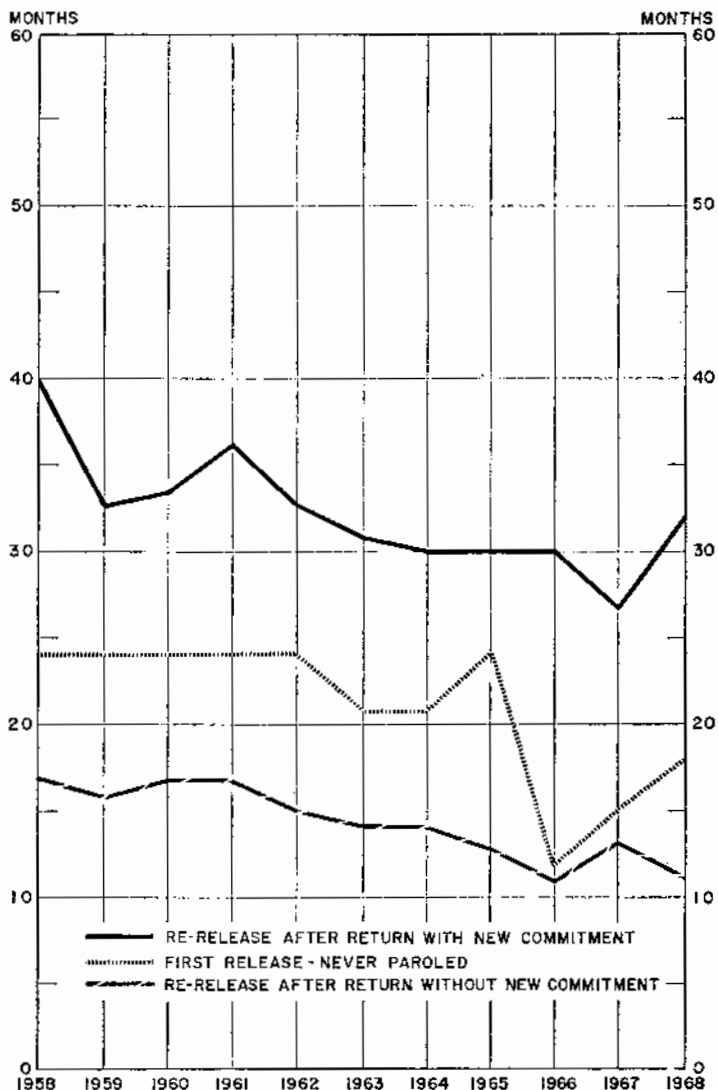
TABLE 33B
TYPE OF DISCHARGE BY YEAR
WOMEN FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PRISON AT EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE
1950 through 1968

Year of discharge	Total number discharged	First release by discharge	Discharged after return from parole	
			With new Calif. commitment	Without new Calif. commitment
1950.....	9	1	--	8
1951.....	3	1	--	2
1952.....	5	3	--	2
1953.....	--	--	--	--
1954.....	2	2	--	--
1955.....	1	--	--	1
1956.....	2	--	--	2
1957.....	3	2	--	1
1958.....	6	1	--	5
1959.....	21	4	--	17
1960.....	16	1	--	15
1961.....	10	4	--	6
1962.....	10	2	1	7
1963.....	6	1	1	4
1964.....	12	4	--	8
1965.....	17	1	--	16
1966.....	15	1	1	13
1967.....	18	2	--	16
1968.....	11	2	--	9

Note: The total women discharged from prison each year are so few that computation of median time would not be meaningful.

CHART IX
TYPE OF DISCHARGE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON
BEFORE DISCHARGE

MALE FELONS RELEASED FROM PRISON BY DISCHARGE
1958 THROUGH 1968



OFFENSE

In 1968, only 203 male felons were first released from prison by discharge at expiration of sentence. When classified by offense categories, only three offense groups had 20 or more men in 1967 or in 1968. The median time served for burglary second degree before discharge in 1968 increased by one month over the prior year, from 23 months to 24 months. The median time served by forgery and check offenders also increased one month, 24 months in 1967 and 25 months in 1968. Male felons convicted of escape from jail served a median time of 12 months in prison before discharge during both 1967 and 1968, Table 34.

TABLE 34
OFFENSE AND TIME SERVED IN PRISON
MALE FELONS FIRST RELEASED FROM PRISON BY DISCHARGE
AT EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE
1967 and 1968

Selected offense groups*	1967		1968	
	Number	Median time served in mos.	Number	Median time served in mos.
All offenses†.....	279	15	203	18
Burglary 2nd.....	50	23	27	24
Forgery and checks.....	35	24	58	25
Escape from jail or county camp.....	102	12	88	12

* Only offense groups with 20 or more cases in at least one of the two years are shown. Median computed for 15 or more cases.

† Includes offenses not shown.

DEATH

In 1968, 94 male felons died while in prison, Table 3. These men served a median time of 29 months before death, with a range from less than 1 month to 311 months. There were 57 men who had never been on parole since their original commitment, 24 who had been returned from parole with a new California commitment, and 13 who had been paroled and returned without a new California commitment. The median age at the time of death was 44 years, with the oldest man being 88 years and the youngest being 20 years old. No women felons died in prison during 1968.

EXECUTION

No executions occurred in California during 1968. From January 1, 1965 through 1968 only one man was executed. He had been convicted of murder first degree and was in prison 30 months before execution on April 12, 1967.

During the 19-year period, 1950-1968, 324 persons were received in prison with a death sentence. In the same period, 39 were executed during 1950-1954, 35 in 1955-1959, 29 in 1960-1964 and one in 1965-1968. Death sentences were removed in 142 cases, and six persons died while awaiting execution during the period 1950-1968, Table 35.

For the felons executed, the number of months from admission with the death sentence to execution is given in Table 36.

TABLE 35
DEATH SENTENCE
FELONS RECEIVED WITH DEATH SENTENCE AND DISPOSITION
OF DEATH SENTENCE CASES
1950 through 1968

Year	Felons received with death sentence	Disposition of death sentence cases				Died while awaiting execution
		Executed	Death sentence removed			
			Total	Commuted	New trial reversed sentence*	
1950-1954-----	66	39	14	4	10	3
1950-----	17	7	1	--	1	--
1951-----	11	6	4	--	4	--
1952-----	11	9	2	--	2	1
1953-----	17†	8	2	1	1	1
1954-----	10	9	5	3	2	1
1955-1959-----	60	35	20	7	13	3
1955-----	9	9†	2	--	2	1
1956-----	14	5	1	--	1	1
1957-----	10	9	6	--	6	1
1958-----	12	6	4	3	1	--
1959-----	15†	6	7	4	3	--
1960-1964-----	102	29	49	14	35	--
1960-----	18	9	7	4	3	--
1961-----	20	8	8	2	6	--
1962-----	21	11†	6	4	2	--
1963-----	24	1	10	4	6	--
1964-----	19	--	18	--	18	--
1965-----	22	--	24	--	24	--
1966-----	27	--	14	5	9	--
1967-----	20	1	17	1	16	--
1968-----	27†	--	4	--	4	--

* Includes cases found insane while awaiting execution.

† Includes one woman.

TABLE 36
MONTHS FROM ADMISSION WITH DEATH SENTENCE TO EXECUTION
FELONS EXECUTED
1950-1954, 1955-1959, 1960-1964, 1965-1968 *

Months	1950-1954			1955-1959			1960-1964		
	Num- ber	Percent	Cumu- lative percent	Num- ber	Percent	Cumu- lative percent	Num- ber	Percent	Cumu- lative percent
Total....	39	100.0		35	100.0		29	100.0	
8-12.....	22	56.4	56.4	9	25.7	25.7	5	17.3	17.3
13-18.....	9	23.1	79.5	5	14.3	40.0	16	55.2	72.5
19-24.....	2	5.1	84.6	10†	28.6	68.6	1	3.4	75.9
25-36.....	3	7.7	92.3	2	5.7	74.3	2	6.9	82.8
37-48.....	2	5.1	97.4	2	5.7	80.0	4†	13.8	96.6
49 and over....	1	2.6	100.0	7	20.0	100.0	1	3.4	100.0

* During 1965-1968 only one man was executed. He was committed for murder 1st and was in prison 30 months before execution on April 12, 1967.

† One woman.

FELON PAROLE POPULATION AND MOVEMENT

For every 100,000 persons in California there were approximately 59 felons on active parole from the Department of Corrections' facilities as of December 31, 1968. The rate of 59.3 felons on parole per 100,000 State population was slightly lower than the 61.1 rate at the close of 1967.

On December 31, 1968, 10,764 male felons and 1,069 women felons were on parole from California prisons. Parole supervision is designed to provide assistance and guidance to the parolee, especially during the critical period of re-adjustment to life outside an institution. Over 90 percent of the men and women felons released from prison during 1968 were placed under parole supervision.

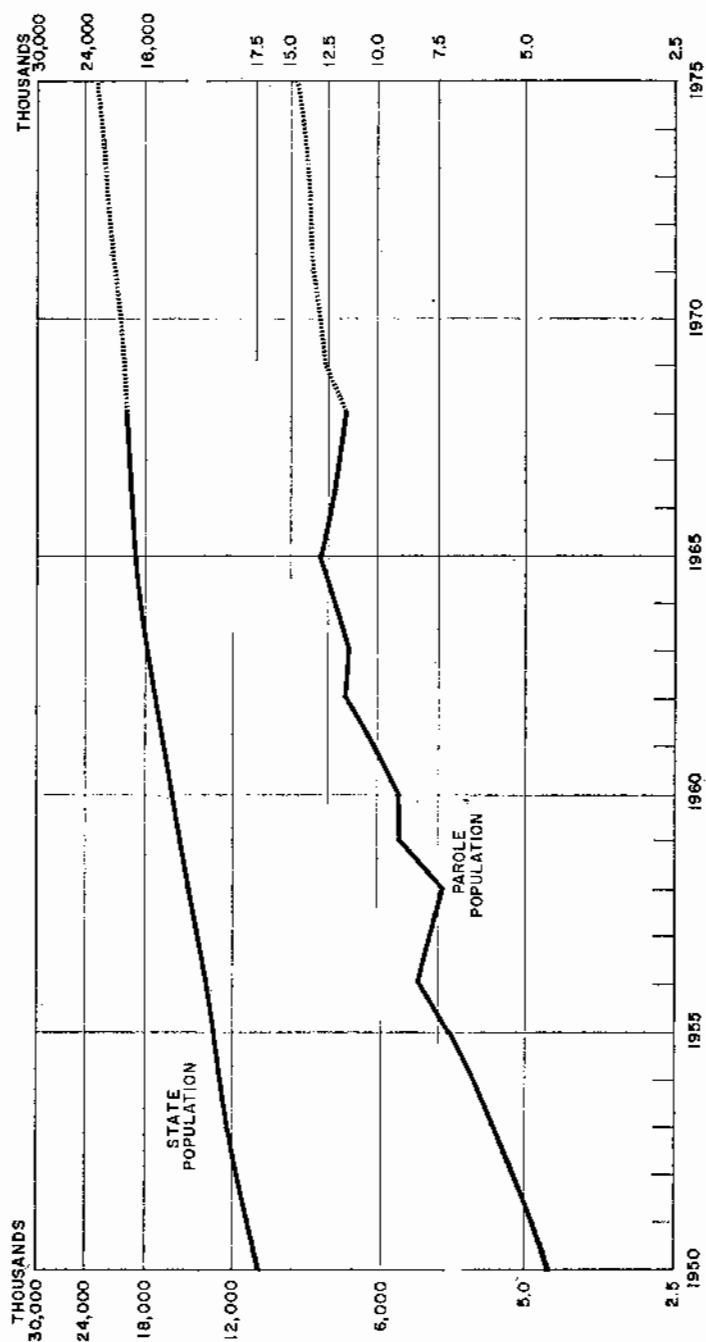
The rate of parole population per 100,000 California population has decreased each year since December 31, 1965 through 1968. The rate of 68.0 per 100,000 State population on December 31, 1965 was the highest rate at the close of any one of the past 16 years, excluding 1962 when this rate was 68.3. The decrease in the rate per 100,000 during the past four years was accomplished not only by the growth in the State population but also by a numerical decrease in the number of felons in the parole population, Table 37. The rate of the count of felons under active parole supervision to California population is displayed in Chart X.

TABLE 37
FELON PAROLE POPULATION FROM CALIFORNIA PRISONS
RATE PER CALIFORNIA STATE POPULATION AND
ANNUAL CHANGE IN PAROLE POPULATION
December 31, 1953 through 1968

December 31	Parole population	Rate of parole population per 100,000 State population*	Annual change in parole population	
			Number	Percent
1953.....	6,024	48.9	--	--
1954.....	6,006	51.8	582	9.7
1955.....	7,185	54.1	579	8.8
1956.....	8,169	58.9	984	13.7
1957.....	7,893	54.6	-276	-3.4
1958.....	7,410	49.4	-483	-6.1
1959.....	9,200	59.1	1,790	24.2
1960.....	9,303	57.6	103	1.1
1961.....	10,006	59.7	703	7.6
1962.....	11,856	68.3	1,850	18.6
1963.....	11,502	64.1	-354	-3.0
1964.....	12,447	67.4	945	8.2
1965.....	12,806	68.0	419	3.4
1966.....	12,461	64.6	-405	-3.2
1967.....	12,002	61.1	-459	-3.7
1968.....	11,833	59.3	-169	-1.4

* Estimates of State population from State Department of Finance, Financial and Population Research Section publication.

CHART II
CALIFORNIA AND FELON PAROLE POPULATION FROM CALIFORNIA PRISONS
1950 - 1975



The short term return unit programs accounted for 479 men received on parole in 1968, with 249 men reparaoled from the Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit, and 230 reparaoled from the short term return units. These short term return programs were established for selected parolees whose parole behavior was such that more intensive counseling was needed to deter the parolee from some serious criminal act and to return the parole violator to parole status in a more effective manner and in a shorter period of time. A term is construed as six months or less.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FELONS ON PAROLE

In order to learn a little about parolees, some characteristics of the population under supervision on the last day of the calendar year 1968 have been compared with the characteristics of those on parole as of December 31, 1958 and 1963. The types of offense, the number of times on parole, the length of time on present parole, and the location of parole supervision have been expressed in percentage distributions for this study. The felon parolees who have not been suspended from parole and who were housed in the Narcotic Treatment-Control Units on December 31, are included in the tables of this chapter. The first Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit opened on October 1, 1959.

The male felon parole population of 10,764 men at the end of 1968 was an increase of 59.1 percent over the 6,765 men under parole supervision at the close of 1958. Women felons on parole increased 65.7 percent from 645 women on December 31, 1958 to 1,069 women at the end of 1968.

OFFENSE

Narcotic offenders comprised the largest offense group of male felons on parole as of December 31, 1968. Of the major offense groups, the narcotic offense group has shown the most significant change in the proportion of men on parole during the period 1958 through 1968. The percentage of male felons on parole for narcotic offenses increased from 14.0 percent of the total in 1958 to 20.1 percent in 1963, and then to 21.3 percent at the end of 1968.

Forgery and check offenders showed the greatest decrease in percentage of male felons, dropping from 15.0 percent of the total parole population in 1958 to 9.8 percent in 1968, Table 39A. Robbery and burglary have always ranked among the top three highest percentage groups.

Of the women felons under parole supervision the forgery and check offense group has ranked first in the percentage distribution of offenses for the past 18 years, except for 1964 when the narcotics group had a slightly greater percentage of the women on parole. On December 31, 1968, over 31 percent of the women felon parole population were in this group.

The women narcotic offenders ranked second in percentage distribution of offenses for the years 1958, 1963 and 1968. This group increased from 16.9 percent in 1958 to 20.8 percent in 1963, then decreased to 18.3 percent in 1968. Women who were convicted of homicide ranked third in the percentage of women felons on parole, Table 39B.

NUMBER OF TIMES ON PAROLE

The percentage of male felon parolees who were serving first parole was less in 1968 than in 1958. This percentage decreased from a high of 86.6 percent of the male parole population in 1958 to 77.9 percent in

TABLE 39A
OFFENSE GROUPS
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Offense	1958	1963	1968
Number of males.....	6,765	10,332*	10,764*
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Homicide.....	10.9	7.5	7.3
Murder 1st.....	7.1	4.3	4.0
Murder 2nd.....	2.1	1.5	1.6
Manslaughter.....	1.7	1.7	1.7
Robbery.....	19.1	16.9	20.5
Assault.....	2.5	3.1	4.0
Burglary.....	16.3	18.0	18.8
Theft except auto.....	4.7	4.4	5.0
Auto theft.....	2.4	2.2	3.0
Forgery and checks.....	15.0	15.2	9.8
Rape.....	3.0	2.6	2.2
Other sex.....	6.4	4.5	3.7
Narcotics.....	14.0	20.1	21.3
Escape.....	1.0	1.7	0.7
Habitual criminal.....	1.6	1.0	0.8
All other.....	3.1	2.8	2.9

* Includes male felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Units on December 31. There were 33 in 1963 and 71 in 1968. The first Unit opened on October 1, 1959.

TABLE 39B
OFFENSE GROUPS
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Offense	1958	1963	1968
Number of women.....	645	1,170*	1,069
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Homicide.....	15.8	10.2	12.6
Murder 1st.....	12.2	1.5	2.5
Murder 2nd.....	5.4	3.5	4.2
Manslaughter.....	8.2	5.2	5.9
Robbery.....	5.3	5.8	7.7
Assault.....	3.7	2.9	6.1
Burglary.....	5.9	5.7	6.8
Theft except auto.....	11.5	9.6	11.5
Auto theft.....	0.3	0.1	1.5
Forgery and checks.....	35.2	39.8	31.4
Sex.....	1.2	0.6	0.8
Narcotics.....	16.9	20.8	18.3
Escape.....	0.6	0.3	0.9
All other.....	3.6	4.2	2.4

* Includes women felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit on December 31. There were 4 in 1963. This Unit opened on August 1, 1960 and closed on May 6, 1965.

1963 and to 66.0 percent on December 31, 1968, Table 40A. The proportion of men serving their third or more parole reflected a significant increase from the 2.0 percent of the population in 1958 to 14.0 percent in 1968.

Although the percentage distribution of the number of times on parole for women felon parolees reflected somewhat the same pattern as that of the men, the drop in percentage of those on first parole was not as great, and the increases in the percentage values of those on second or more parole were less drastic than those for the men. The percentage of women felons serving first parole decreased from 83.7 percent of the total women parolees in 1958 to 67.5 percent at the close of 1968. The percentage of women felons on third or more parole showed a marked increase from 5.1 percent for 1958 to 15.4 percent for 1968, Table 40B.

TABLE 40A
NUMBER OF TIMES ON PAROLE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Number of times on parole	1958	1963	1968
Number of males.....	6,765	10,332*	10,764*
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
First parole.....	86.6	77.9	66.0
Second parole.....	11.4	17.3	20.0
Third or more parole.....	2.0	4.8	14.0

* Includes male felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Units on December 31. There were 33 in 1963 and 71 in 1968. The first Unit opened on October 1, 1959.

TABLE 40B
NUMBER OF TIMES ON PAROLE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Number of times on parole	1958	1963	1968
Number of women.....	645	1,170*	1,069
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
First parole.....	83.7	74.3	67.5
Second parole.....	11.2	16.7	17.1
Third or more parole.....	5.1	9.0	15.4

* Includes women felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit on December 31. There were 4 in 1963. This Unit opened on August 1, 1960 and closed on May 6, 1965.

LENGTH OF TIME ON PRESENT PAROLE

Almost 80 percent of the male felons on active parole status on December 31, 1968 had been on parole less than two years, Table 41A. The proportional distribution of felons on parole is greatly influenced by the number of persons released to parole each year, and more recently, also by Penal Code Section 2943 enacted in 1965. This section specified certain conditions under which felons without life sentences may be discharged after only two years on parole.

The percentage of women felons on parole for less than two years increased from 63.1 percent in 1958 to 65.7 percent in 1963, and to 73.7 percent in 1968, Table 41B.

TABLE 41A
LENGTH OF TIME ON PRESENT PAROLE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Length of time on present parole	1958	1963	1968
Number of males	6,766	10,332*	10,764*
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	46.1	44.8	46.5
1 year but less than 2.....	29.5	33.9	33.3
2 years but less than 3.....	12.0	12.9	10.6
3 years but less than 4.....	3.3	2.3	3.8
4 years but less than 5.....	1.4	1.2	1.4
5 years or longer.....	7.7	4.9	4.4

* Includes male felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Units on December 31. There were 33 in 1963 and 71 in 1968. The first Unit opened on October 1, 1959.

Note: Length of time on parole influenced by the enactment of Penal Code Section 2943 in 1965. See discussion in section on *Felons Discharged From Parole*.

TABLE 41B
LENGTH OF TIME ON PRESENT PAROLE
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Length of time on present parole	1958	1963	1968
Number of women	645	1,170*	1,069
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	41.1	36.4	41.7
1 year but less than 2.....	22.0	29.3	32.0
2 years but less than 3.....	18.4	18.6	13.6
3 years but less than 4.....	11.5	9.1	6.0
4 years but less than 5.....	1.9	3.3	2.6
5 years or longer.....	5.1	3.3	4.1

* Includes women felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit on December 31. There were 4 in 1963. This Unit opened on August 1, 1960 and closed on May 6, 1965.

Note: Length of time on parole influenced by the enactment of Penal Code Section 2943 in 1965. See discussion in section on *Felons Discharged From Parole*.

LOCATION OF PAROLE SUPERVISION

Nearly 90 percent of the male felons and over 92 percent of the women felons on active parole from California prisons were under parole supervision in California on December 31, 1968.

The percentage of male felons released from California prisons who were under California parole supervision on December 31, increased steadily from 84.1 percent in 1958 to 88.4 percent in 1963 and to 89.8 percent in 1968, Table 42A. The percentage of men under parole supervision in other states or in a deport/custody status during active parole has decreased. On December 31, 1968, 7.5 percent of the male felons on parole from California prisons were being supervised in other states, and 2.7 percent were in deport or custody status.

TABLE 42A
LOCATION OF PAROLE SUPERVISION
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MALE FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Location of supervision	1958	1963	1968
Number of males.....	6,765	10,332*	10,764*
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
California.....	84.1	88.4	89.8
Out of State.....	8.8	7.7	7.5
Deport or custody.....	7.1	3.9	2.7

* Includes male felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Units on December 31. There were 33 in 1963 and 71 in 1968. The first Unit opened on October 1, 1959.

The provisions of the Interstate Compact provide for the movement of a parolee to another state and the supervision of the parolee in the state of residence by the resident state's parole agent. California parole agents were supervising 802 men from other states' prisons on December 31, 1968.

The proportion of women on parole from the California Institution for Women who remain in California for supervision has increased from 89.3 percent in 1958 to 92.4 percent in 1968, Table 42B. California parole agents also supervised 44 women on parole in California from other states on December 31, 1968.

TABLE 42B
LOCATION OF PAROLE SUPERVISION
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN FELONS ON PAROLE
December 31, 1958, 1963 and 1968

Location of supervision	1958	1963	1968
Number of women.....	645	1,170*	1,069
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
California.....	89.3	91.6	92.4
Out of State.....	8.7	6.3	5.3
Deport or custody.....	2.0	2.1	2.3

* Includes women felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit on December 31. There were 4 in 1963. This Unit opened on August 1, 1960 and closed on May 6, 1965.

PAROLE SUSPENSION

A felon parolee may have his parole suspended for some criminal conduct or other violation of the conditions of the parole agreement signed before being released from prison. A suspension is ordered by the Adult Authority for male felons and by the California Women's Board of Terms and Parole for the women felons. The suspension stops the time credited to a sentence and may result in the return of the offender to prison. However, a suspended parolee is not always returned to prison but may have his case reviewed again at some later date by the term setting board, and may be reinstated to active parole status. The next chapter of this report will discuss the reinstatement of parolees.

The percentage of male felons suspended before the end of the calendar year of parole was 18.3 percent of those paroled to California supervision in 1968, the lowest since 1961 when 15.3 percent were suspended before the end of the year of parole. The cumulative percentages of male felons released to California parole supervision whose paroles were suspended for the first time are shown by year of parole in Table 43A.

TABLE 43A
CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF FELON PAROLEES SUSPENDED
EACH YEAR AFTER PAROLE
MALE FELON PAROLEES SUSPENDED FOR THE FIRST TIME
FROM SUPERVISION IN CALIFORNIA
1961 through 1968

Year during which suspended	Year of release to parole							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Number paroled to California.....	5,162	6,807	5,332	6,638	7,582	5,997	6,198	5,553
Year of parole.....	15.3	21.3	22.6	20.7	25.2	21.4	21.9	18.3
1st year after parole.....	45.9	51.2	50.4	49.3	48.4	46.6	46.5	
2nd year after parole.....	56.7	60.5	59.1	57.1	56.0	55.6		
3rd year after parole.....	59.4	63.2	61.2	59.2	58.2			
4th year after parole.....	60.1	63.7	61.8	59.7				
5th year after parole.....	60.1	63.9	61.9					

The cumulative percentages of men whose parole time was interrupted by the end of the first year after parole indicate a gradual decrease for the cohort parole groups of 1962 through 1967. At the end of the first year after parole, 51.2 percent of the 6,807 men paroled to California supervision during 1962 had their parole time interrupted. This percentage decreased to 46.5 percent of the 6,198 men paroled to California supervision during 1967.

The cumulative percentages for each year will not change very much after the fifth year following the year of release to parole. By the end of the fifth year most men will have been discharged from parole at expiration of sentence or returned to prison for a violation of parole conditions.

TABLE 43B
CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF FELON PAROLEES SUSPENDED
EACH YEAR AFTER PAROLE

WOMEN FELON PAROLEES SUSPENDED FOR THE FIRST TIME
FROM SUPERVISION IN CALIFORNIA AND OUT OF STATE

1961 through 1968

Year during which suspended	Year of release to parole							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Number paroled..	562	605	556	553	467	558	623	593
Year of Parole.....	25.6	23.1	26.1	26.2	30.6	31.2	27.9	26.8
1st year after parole.....	47.9	46.3	49.8	51.9	57.0	55.0	48.3	
2nd year after parole.....	58.2	54.2	58.5	59.3	63.8	60.4		
3rd year after parole.....	61.7	57.2	61.5	62.4	65.5			
4th year after parole.....	63.2	58.3	62.8	63.1				
5th year after parole.....	63.3	58.5	63.0					

Of the 593 women felons paroled during 1968, almost 27 percent were suspended by December 31, 1968. The cumulative percentage of women felons suspended from parole for the first time during each year after parole in 1961 through 1968 are given in Table 43B. From 1962 through 1967 the cumulative percentages of women whose parole time was interrupted by the end of the first year after parole varied from a low of 46.3 percent for women paroled in 1962 to a high of 57.0 percent for women paroled in 1965. Of the 623 women paroled in 1967, 48.3 percent had been suspended by the end of the year following the year of parole.

REINSTATEMENT

The California term setting boards reinstated 1,138 felons to active parole supervision during 1968. Of these, 975 were men and 163 were women.

The same boards that suspend parole may reinstate the person to active parole status again. The suspended parolee who may have been convicted of an offense and served a sentence in jail or in a prison other than California, may be reinstated to parole supervision if the board is of the opinion that it would serve no useful purpose to the public or to the parolee for him to be returned to a California prison. A parolee suspended because his whereabouts were unknown will most likely be reinstated to parole supervision when located, if it is found that he has been law-abiding while at large. These are the two more common situations which precede a board order to reinstate the parolee to parole supervision.

RATE OF REINSTATEMENT

The 975 male felons reinstated to active parole supervision during 1968 represented the largest number of men ever reinstated in one calendar year in the history of this Department. Most reinstatements occur within the first two years following the suspension; therefore, the reinstatement rate is based upon the number reinstated divided by the average number suspended during a two-year period, the year prior to and the year of reinstatement. Since 1964, the rate of reinstatement per 100 average suspensions has increased steadily from 14 in the years 1961 through 1964 to a high of 23 in 1968, Table 44A. This 1968 figure was the highest rate of reinstatements for male felons for the years 1950 through 1968 for which the data are readily available.

The reinstatement to parole rate for women in 1968 was 35 women per 100 average number suspended during the two calendar years. During the past years, the rate of reinstatement has varied from a high of 56 in 1955 to a low of 19 in 1959, Table 44B.

MEDIAN TIME IN SUSPENDED STATUS BEFORE FIRST REINSTATEMENT

Only for the male felons is the number reinstated after first suspension large enough for significant study of time. During the period 1955 through 1968, the median time in months between date of first suspension and date of reinstatement has fluctuated between nine and three months, Table 45. There has been a decreasing trend in the median time, being three months in 1965, 1967 and 1968.

TABLE 44A
PAROLEES REINSTATED AND RATE PER 100 SUSPENDED
MALE FELON PAROLEES REINSTATED TO ACTIVE PAROLE AFTER SUSPENSION
1950 through 1968

Year	Number	Rate per 100 average suspensions*
1950.....	195	17
1951.....	195	17
1952.....	249	21
1953.....	249	20
1954.....	253	18
1955.....	284	20
1956.....	311	22
1957.....	241	15
1958.....	346	17
1959.....	315	15
1960.....	379	15
1961.....	438	14
1962.....	478	14
1963.....	607	14
1964.....	592	14
1965.....	687	15
1966.....	872	18
1967.....	924	21
1968.....	975	23

* Rate based on the average number of cases suspended during two calendar years, the year during which reinstated and the prior year.

TABLE 44B
PAROLEES REINSTATED AND RATE PER 100 SUSPENDED
WOMEN FELON PAROLEES REINSTATED TO ACTIVE PAROLE AFTER SUSPENSION
1950 through 1968

Year	Number	Rate per 100 average suspensions*
1950.....	17	30
1951.....	23	38
1952.....	39	53
1953.....	32	34
1954.....	66	52
1955.....	99	56
1956.....	63	38
1957.....	60	41
1958.....	57	32
1959.....	39	19
1960.....	67	31
1961.....	118	40
1962.....	160	41
1963.....	167	38
1964.....	160	33
1965.....	174	36
1966.....	109	23
1967.....	149	33
1968.....	163	35

* Rate based on the average number of cases suspended during two calendar years, the year during which reinstated and the prior year.

TABLE 43
 MEDIAN TIME IN SUSPENDED STATUS
 MALE FELON PAROLEES REINSTATED AFTER FIRST SUSPENSION
 1955 through 1968

Year	Number	Median time in months between first suspension and first reinstatement
1955	269	9
1956	283	9
1957	225	8
1958	331	6
1959	295	5
1960	357	4
1961	420	5
1962	449	4
1963	556	4
1964	558	4
1965	648	3
1966	790	4
1967	818	3
1968	835	3

FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE

The 3,349 persons discharged from parole during 1968 had successfully completed parole. The 3,100 men discharged represented 512 less than the number discharged in 1967 and the 249 women discharged were 34 more than were discharged from parole in 1967.

When analyzing the data on discharge from parole the possible effects of Penal Code Section 2943 enacted in September, 1965, must be considered. This Section makes it mandatory that the Adult Authority or the California Women's Board of Terms and Parole, whichever is appropriate, review the case of a felon who has been on uninterrupted parole for two years, excluding persons serving life sentences. If it is determined the parolee has met appropriate standards of rehabilitation, he is discharged within 30 days after completing his second year on continuous parole. The effects of Penal Code Section 2943 must especially be considered when data of 1965 and years since are compared with prior years. During 1968, 1,077 men and 83 women had been discharged from parole under Penal Code Section 2943. These figures represent 35 percent of the men and 33 percent of the women discharged from parole in 1968.

Parole supervision is a significant part in the rehabilitation process prior to discharge since most felons are released from prison to parole. For most felons, being discharged from parole means a completion of sentence after months of counseling and guidance by a parole agent. In studying the length of time served on parole, the three types of parole, (1) first parole, (2) reparole after return to prison with a new California commitment, and (3) reparole after return to prison without a new California commitment, must be considered separately.

Over 72 percent of the men discharged from parole during 1968 had been serving their first parole under the present commitment. The median time served on parole by male felons discharged from first parole in 1968 was 25 months, exactly the same median time served on parole by the comparable parolees discharged in 1966 and 1967, Table 46A.

The 566 male felons discharged in 1968 from reparole after return to prison without a new California commitment served a median time of 25 months also, but this was the longest time served on parole by a similar group discharged in any year during the years 1950 through 1968. The 287 men discharged in 1968, from reparole after having been returned to prison with a new California commitment served a median time of 25 months before this discharge, the same median time as for the prior two years. These patterns of time served on parole before discharge by the type of parole are shown in Chart XI for the years 1955 through 1968.

TABLE 46A
 TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED ON PAROLE
 MALE FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE
 1950 through 1968

Year of discharge	Total discharged from parole	First parole		Reparole after return to prison			
				With new Calif. commitment		Without new Calif. commitment	
		Number	Median time served on parole in months	Number	Median time served on rep parole in months	Number	Median time served on rep parole in months
1950.....	1,218	1,073	24	48	28.5	97	19
1951.....	1,306	1,168	24	56	27.5	82	18
1952.....	1,165	1,042	27	39	29	84	20
1953.....	1,335	1,191	27	71	27	73	21
1954.....	1,424	1,283	30	75	25	66	15
1955.....	1,691	1,529	27	89	27	73	18
1956.....	1,971	1,766	27	121	28	84	18
1957.....	2,419	2,161	24	181	24	77	17
1958.....	2,305	2,046	24	193	24	66	15.5
1959.....	2,182	1,921	24	182	24	79	18
1960.....	2,146	1,878	24	168	24	100	16.5
1961.....	2,376	2,034	24	208	24	134	18.5
1962.....	2,194	1,896	25	188	27	110	21
1963.....	2,213	1,883	24	163	27	167	21
1964.....	2,471	2,038	27	206	28	227	23
1965.....	3,033	2,475	29	255	29	303	24
1966.....	3,306	2,530	25	298	25	478	23
1967.....	3,612	2,676	25	326	25	610	24
1968.....	3,100	2,247	25	287	25	566	25

TABLE 46B
 TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED ON PAROLE
 WOMEN FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE
 1950 through 1968

Median time served computed for 25 or more cases.

Year of discharge	Total discharged from parole	First parole		Reparole after return to prison			
				With new Calif. commitment		Without new Calif. commitment	
		Number	Median time served on parole in months	Number	Median time served on rep parole in months	Number	Median time served on rep parole in months
1950.....	57	54	21	--	--	3	--
1951.....	58	53	26	--	--	5	--
1952.....	42	37	26	--	--	5	--
1953.....	53	45	28	1	--	7	--
1954.....	66	60	33	--	--	6	--
1955.....	88	80	34	1	--	7	--
1956.....	95	82	36	3	--	10	--
1957.....	124	97	36	5	--	22	--
1958.....	108	85	36	5	--	18	--
1959.....	136	106	35	4	--	26	20.5
1960.....	149	125	37	4	--	20	--
1961.....	144	108	37.5	5	--	31	22
1962.....	178	150	37	5	--	23	--
1963.....	177	145	35	7	--	25	34
1964.....	280	228	36	14	--	38	36.5
1965.....	333	275	36	17	--	41	34
1966.....	187	135	35	11	--	41	33
1967.....	215	162	37	11	--	42	34.5
1968.....	249	165	29	21	--	63	25

CHART XI
TYPE OF PAROLE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED
ON PAROLE

MALE FELONS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE

1955 - 1968



Women discharged in 1968 from first parole represented 66.3 percent of all those discharged and served a median of 29 months on parole before discharge.

This was the least time served on parole by women since the 1953 median of 28 months. The 63 women who were discharged in 1968 from reparole after having been returned to prison without a new California commitment served a median of 25 months on parole, which was considerably less than the 34.5 median time served by women felons discharged in 1967, Table 46B.

TYPE OF PAROLE AND TIME SERVED IN PRISON AND ON PAROLE

During the past 19 years many fluctuations occurred in the medians of time served in prison before first parole and on parole before discharge. However, men discharged from first parole had served as much or more time in prison before parole than on parole in all but three years of discharge.

The total of the two medians of time served for male felons discharged from first parole was 55 months in 1967 and in 1968, Table 47A. The median time served in prison before parole by male felons

TABLE 47A

MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON BEFORE PAROLE AND ON PAROLE BEFORE DISCHARGE MALE FELONS DISCHARGED FROM FIRST PAROLE 1950 through 1968

Year of discharge	Number	Median time served in months		
		In prison before parole	On parole before discharge	Total of medians
1950.....	1,073	25	24	49
1951.....	1,168	25	24	49
1952.....	1,042	27	27	54
1953.....	1,191	27	27	54
1954.....	1,283	30	30	60
1955.....	1,529	30	27	57
1956.....	1,766	30	27	57
1957.....	2,161	27	24	51
1958.....	2,046	30	24	54
1959.....	1,921	27	24	51
1960.....	1,878	27	24	51
1961.....	2,034	24	24	48
1962.....	1,896	24	25	49
1963.....	1,883	24	24	48
1964.....	2,038	24	27	51
1965.....	2,475	27	29	56
1966.....	2,530	27	25	52
1967.....	2,676	30	25	55
1968.....	2,247	30	25	55

TABLE 47B
MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON BEFORE PAROLE
AND ON PAROLE BEFORE DISCHARGE
WOMEN FELONS DISCHARGED FROM FIRST PAROLE
1950 through 1968

Year of discharge	Number	Median time served in months		
		In prison before parole	On parole before discharge	Total of medians
1950.....	54	28.5	21	49.5
1951.....	53	25	28	51
1952.....	37	25	28	51
1953.....	45	20	28	48
1954.....	60	21	33	54
1955.....	80	22.5	34	56.5
1956.....	82	24	36	60
1957.....	97	23	36	59
1958.....	85	23	36	59
1959.....	106	24	35	59
1960.....	125	23	37	60
1961.....	108	23.5	37.5	61
1962.....	150	22	37	59
1963.....	145	18	35	53
1964.....	228	17	36	53
1965.....	275	17	36	53
1966.....	135	14	35	49
1967.....	162	14	37	51
1968.....	165	13	29	42

discharged from first parole in 1967 and 1968 was 30 months. The median time served on first parole before discharge dropped from 29 months for 1965 to 25 months for the years 1966 through 1968, possibly due to the enactment of Penal Code Section 2943 in 1965, Chart XII-A.

Women felons discharged from first parole during 1968 had served a median time of 13 months in prison before parole and a median of 29 months on first parole before discharge, Table 47B and Chart XII-B. *The total of the two medians of time served in prison and on first parole before discharge by women felons discharged during 1968 was 42 months, the lowest of any total of the two types of medians for the previous 18 years.*

OFFENSE AND TIME SERVED IN PRISON AND ON PAROLE

For a measurement of time served by felons in a selected offense group, the medians of time served in prison before first parole and on first parole before discharge have been presented for the major offense groups. Male felons convicted of crimes against property, except for burglary first degree, served less time in prison and on parole than those convicted of crimes against persons or narcotic offenses.

CHART XII A

MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON BEFORE PAROLE
AND ON PAROLE BEFORE DISCHARGE
MALE FELONS DISCHARGED FROM FIRST PAROLE
1958 - 1968

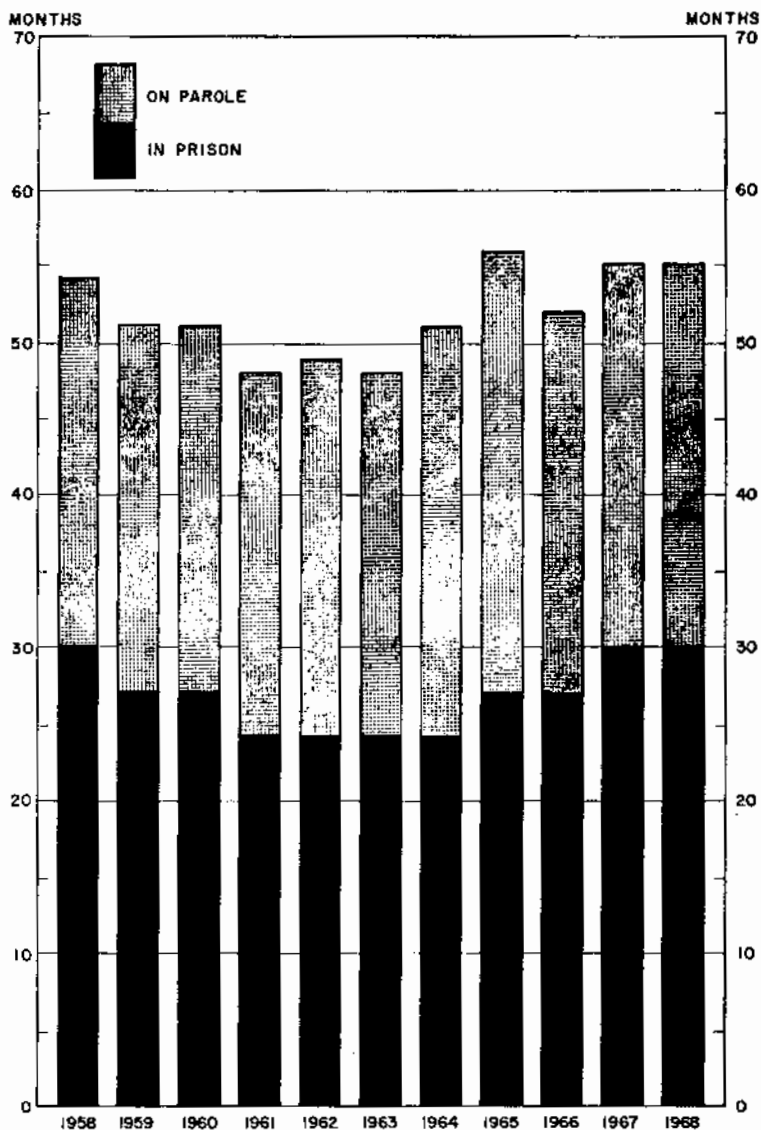
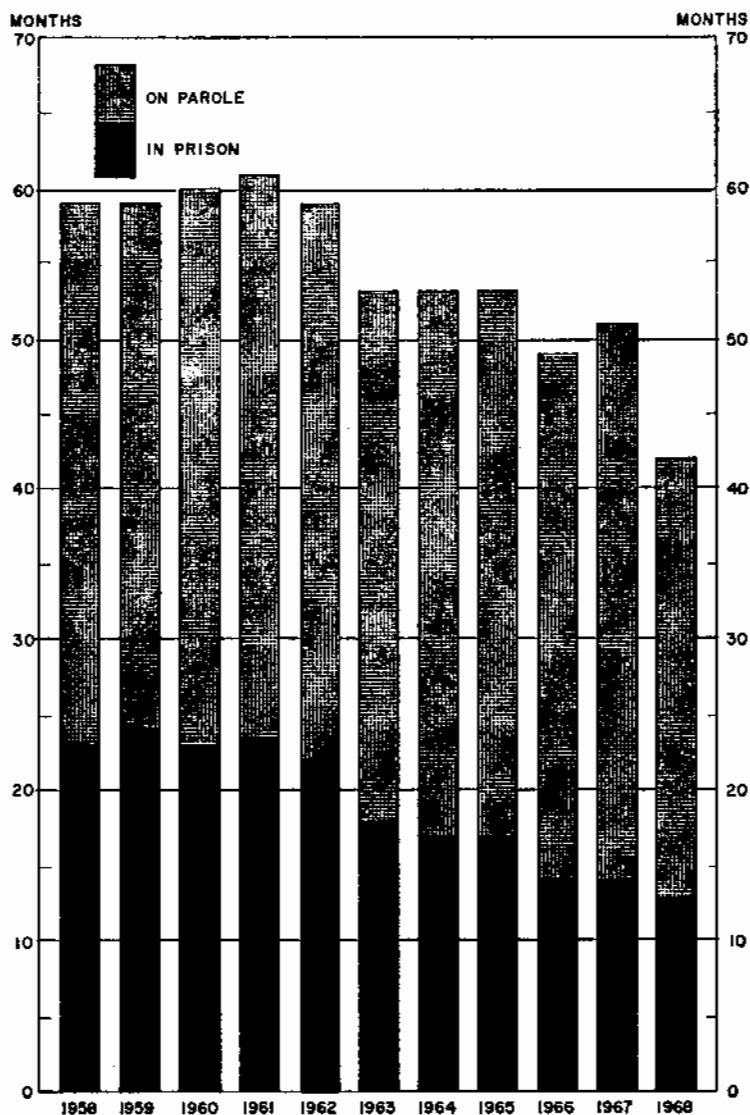


CHART XIII B

MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON BEFORE PAROLE
AND ON PAROLE BEFORE DISCHARGEWOMEN FELONS DISCHARGED FROM FIRST PAROLE
1958 - 1968

Male felons discharged from first parole in 1968 who had been convicted of murder second degree served the greatest length of time in prison before parole, 66 months, and on parole before discharge, 36 months, of any of the offense groups under the indeterminate sentence law. Men convicted of forgery and checks or receiving stolen property offenses served the least time in prison before first parole, 18 months, while auto theft offenders served the fewest months, 21, on parole before discharge, Table 48A.

TABLE 48A

OFFENSE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON BEFORE PAROLE
AND ON PAROLE BEFORE DISCHARGE
MALE FELONS DISCHARGED FROM FIRST PAROLE
1967 and 1968

Selected offenses*	1967			1968		
	Number	Median time served in months		Number	Median time served in months	
		In prison	On parole		In prison	On parole
All offenses†.....	2,676	30	25	2,247	30	25
Murder 2nd.....	47	66	27	43	66	36
Manlaughter.....	55	36	25	50	36	25
Robbery 1st.....	305	42	26	274	42	30
Robbery 2nd.....	118	36	25	92	33	25
Assault with deadly weapon.....	95	33	25	89	30	25
Burglary 1st.....	62	33	25	59	37	29
Burglary 2nd.....	430	22	24	371	21	24
Grand theft except auto.....	135	24	24	125	20	24
Auto theft.....	66	18	22	90	21	21
Receiving stolen property.....	25	18	20	35	18	22
Forgery and checks.....	408	18	24	304	18	24
Rape.....	63	42	25	60	37	25
Lewd act with child.....	120	39	26	82	36	30
Narcotics.....	454	36	25	348	36	31

* Only offense groups with 25 or more cases in at least one of the two years are shown.

† Includes offenses not shown.

Although narcotic offenders discharged from first parole in both 1967 and 1968 served 36 months in prison before parole, the men discharged in 1968 spent 35 months on parole compared to only 25 months on parole before discharge for the 1967 group.

In the all offense group women felons discharged from first parole during 1967-1968 served over twice as much time on parole before discharge than in prison before parole. This is not true for women convicted of narcotic offenses. Women convicted of narcotic offenses served a longer median, 24 months, in prison before parole than that of the other three offense groups shown. Those convicted of manslaughter offenses spent the longest time, 45 months, on first parole before discharge, Table 48B.

TABLE 48B
OFFENSE AND MEDIAN TIME SERVED IN PRISON BEFORE PAROLE
AND ON PAROLE BEFORE DISCHARGE
WOMEN FELONS DISCHARGED FROM FIRST PAROLE
1967 and 1968

Selected offenses*	1967			1968			1967-1968		
	Number	Median time served in mos.		Number	Median time served in mos.		Number	Median time served in mos.	
		In prison	On parole		In prison	On parole		In prison	On parole
All offenses†.....	162	14	37	165	13	29	327	14	36
Manslaughter.....	11	--	--	17	15	45	28	14	45
Grand theft except auto.....	10	--	--	17	13	29	27	12	29
Forgery and checks.....	61	12	37	68	11	27	129	12	32
Narcotics.....	22	24	40	10	--	--	32	24	36

* Only offense groups with a combined total of 20 or more cases during 1967 and 1968 are shown. Median computed for 16 or more cases.

† Includes offenses not shown.

FELONS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA PRISON

A felon on parole may be convicted of additional criminal acts or may violate his conditions of parole in other ways to such a degree that he is returned to a California prison either to continue his existing term or to serve a new California commitment. A felon discharged from prison or from parole at expiration of sentence may be returned to prison if convicted of a subsequent felony crime.

In studying the men and women felons who were returned to California prisons after having been released from the Department's institutions, the number of persons released during each calendar year was arranged by cohort year of release and type of release. For instance, felons released from prison either to parole or by discharge at expiration of sentence are considered as a separate group in each calendar year. The number of felons returned by the end of each year after parole or after discharge is matched to the number in the cohort year of release study group. The cumulative percentages, shown in Tables 49 through 54, represent the proportion of felons returned to a California prison by the end of each succeeding year after release to the number of felons released in a given calendar year. The percentages are shown for felons released during calendar years 1961 through 1968 and returned each year through the fifth year after release or through December 31, 1968, whichever occurred first.

Each table is divided into six parts. These parts, given by cohort year of release, are for felons: (1) returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison, which includes felons discharged from parole; (2) returned after direct discharge from prison; (3) returned after parole, including after discharge from parole; (4) returned from parole *without* a new California felony commitment; (5) returned from parole *with* a new California felony commitment; and (6) returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole.

The first part of this chapter deals with the cumulative percentages of men and women felons returned, without regard to offense classification. The second part of the chapter shows the cumulative percentages of male felons returned to a California prison, who at time of release were serving a term for robbery, assault, burglary, forgery and checks, or opiate derivative and marijuana offenses.

The percentage of male felons returned to prison by the end of the second year after release by parole or by discharge from prison decreased each year from a high of 44.5 percent of those released in 1962, to 36.8 percent of those released in 1966.

The proportion of men returned to prison during the year of release was 7.4 percent in 1968, the lowest percentage since these data were first recorded.

The percentage of men returned by the end of the second year after release by direct discharge from prison showed an overall decrease from 19.6 percent for the 1964 cohort to a low of 15.3 percent for the 1966 cohort, Table 49A.

The percentage of male felons returned to prison by the end of the second year after release to parole decreased steadily from a high of 47.2 percent for the 1962 cohort to a low of 39.2 percent of those paroled in 1966. The percentage of men returned to prison changes very little by the end of the third or fourth year after parole.

More felons were returned to prison from parole to complete an existing term than were returned with a new California felony commitment. The proportion of men returned from parole without a new California felony commitment by the end of the second year after parole decreased from 32.8 percent for the 1963 cohort to 26.9 percent of those released to parole in 1966. At the end of the second year, the percent returned to prison with a new commitment showed a decreasing trend also, from 17.2 percent of the men released to parole in 1962 to 11.7 percent of those paroled in 1966.

The percentage of women felons paroled or discharged from prison in 1961 through 1968 who had been returned to prison by the end of the second year after release ranged from a low of 35.4 percent of those released in 1962 to a high of 42.4 percent for the 1965 cohort, and was 41.4 percent for the 1966 release cohort. Almost all women who are returned to prison are returned from parole since very few women are released from prison by discharge, Table 49B.

For the 1963 through 1966 cohorts, the percentage of women felons returned to prison from parole by the end of the second year after release remained very constant, approximately 43 percent. However, the percentage of women felons returned to prison by the end of the second year after release to parole without a new California felony commitment showed an increasing trend from 28.8 percent of the women released in 1961 to 37.7 percent and 37.6 percent for 1965 and 1966 cohorts, respectively.

The proportion of women returned to prison with a new California felony commitment within two years after the year of release to parole varied from 10.1 percent of the women felons paroled in 1961 to 4.9 percent of those paroled in 1966, an all time low since these data have been recorded.

The cumulative percentages of men and of women felons returned to California prisons each year after release through the fifth year are shown in Chart XIII.

The male felons were further studied by the type of offense for which they were serving their term when they were released from prison. The offense groups under study are robbery, assault, burglary, forgery and checks, and opiate derivative and marijuana offenses.

TABLE 49A
ALL OFFENSESMALE FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

Cumulative Percentage as of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	8,351	8,237	6,476	8,158	9,226	7,103	7,339	6,450
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	8.3	11.3	11.6	9.9	12.0	8.6	9.4	7.4
1st year after release.....	29.4	34.1	34.2	31.6	30.5	27.7	27.2	
2nd year after release.....	40.8	44.5	43.8	40.4	38.9	36.8		
3rd year after release.....	45.4	48.8	46.8	44.0	42.7			
4th year after release.....	47.6	50.6	48.8	45.8				
5th year after release.....	48.6	51.8	49.9					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	662	780	655	942	1,063	704	630	429
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	4.8	5.1	4.4	3.7	4.5	3.0	3.2	2.8
1st year after release.....	12.5	13.3	12.4	12.4	12.3	10.8	10.2	
2nd year after release.....	18.1	18.6	19.4	19.6	17.1	15.3		
3rd year after release.....	21.7	23.3	22.0	22.2	19.9			
4th year after release.....	25.1	25.1	24.6	24.0				
5th year after release.....	26.3	26.9	26.0					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	5,689	7,457	5,821	7,216	8,163	6,489	6,709	6,021
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	8.7	12.0	12.4	10.7	13.0	9.2	10.0	7.8
1st year after release.....	31.4	36.3	36.7	34.2	32.9	29.6	28.8	
2nd year after release.....	43.5	47.2	46.6	43.1	41.7	39.2		
3rd year after release.....	48.2	51.5	49.6	46.8	45.6			
4th year after release.....	50.2	53.2	51.6	48.7				
5th year after release.....	51.3	54.4	52.6					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	4.9	7.0	9.0	7.9	6.5	6.5	7.9	6.2
1st year after parole.....	18.3	22.2	26.2	24.2	22.7	20.4	21.6	
2nd year after parole.....	26.1	29.5	32.8	29.7	28.8	26.9		
3rd year after parole.....	28.8	31.9	34.4	31.9	31.0			
4th year after parole.....	29.7	32.6	35.3	32.7				
5th year after parole.....	30.0	32.9	35.6					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	3.8	5.0	3.4	2.8	3.5	2.7	2.1	1.6
1st year after parole.....	13.0	14.0	10.4	9.8	10.0	9.1	7.1	
2nd year after parole.....	16.7	17.2	13.3	12.8	12.3	11.7		
3rd year after parole.....	17.8	18.3	14.3	13.6	13.2			
4th year after parole.....	18.1	18.5	14.6	14.0				
5th year after parole.....	18.2	18.7	14.7					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1st year after parole.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
2nd year after parole.....	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6		
3rd year after parole.....	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.4			
4th year after parole.....	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.0				
5th year after parole.....	3.1	2.8	2.3					

TABLE 49B
ALL OFFENSES
WOMEN FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968

WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

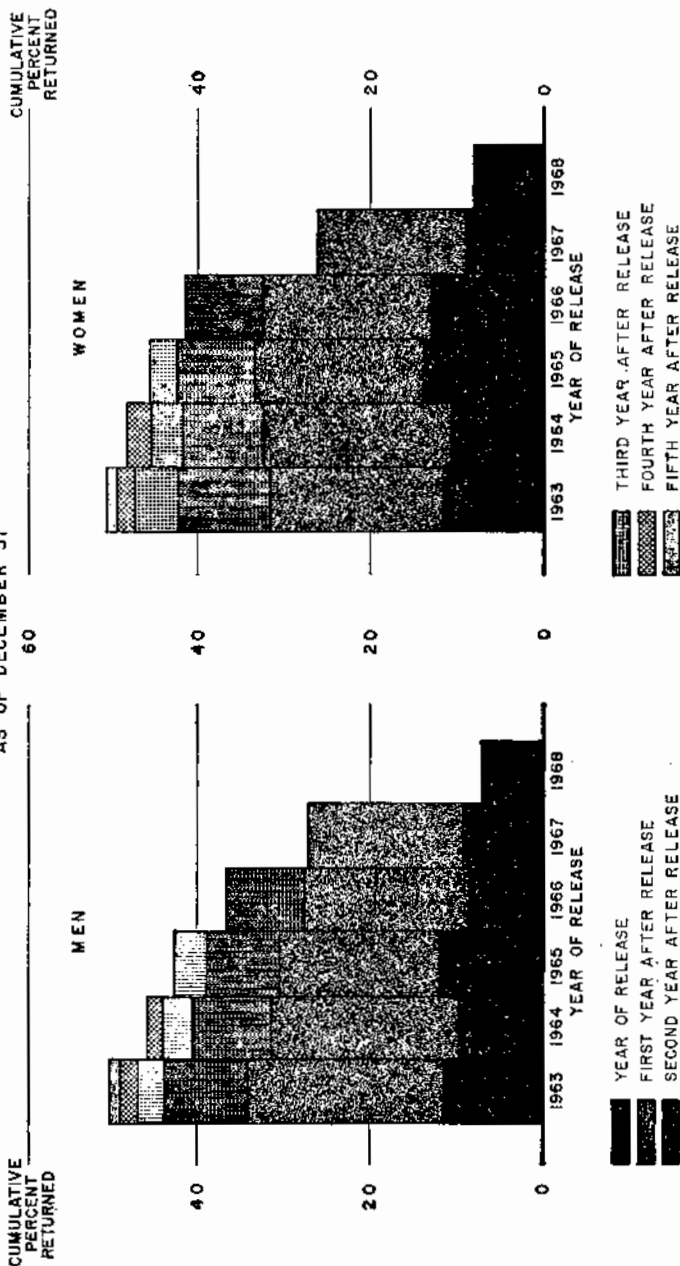
Cumulative Percentage as of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	572	615	562	565	484	573	641	604
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	11.0	8.1	11.9	10.8	14.0	13.1	9.2	8.1
1st year after release.....	28.1	29.3	31.9	32.7	33.5	32.8	26.1	
2nd year after release.....	38.3	35.4	42.3	41.8	42.4	41.4		
3rd year after release.....	43.5	41.3	47.5	45.5	45.7			
4th year after release.....	47.0	43.3	49.6	48.1				
5th year after release.....	49.0	43.9	50.9					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	10	10	6	12	17	15	18	11
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	--	10.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
1st year after release.....	--	30.0	--	--	11.8	--	--	--
2nd year after release.....	--	30.0	--	8.3	11.8	--	--	--
3rd year after release.....	--	40.0	--	8.3	23.5	--	--	--
4th year after release.....	--	40.0	--	8.3				
5th year after release.....	--	40.0	--					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	562	605	558	553	467	558	623	593
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	11.2	8.1	12.1	11.0	14.6	13.5	9.5	8.3
1st year after release.....	28.7	29.2	32.2	33.7	34.3	33.7	26.8	
2nd year after release.....	38.9	35.5	42.9	42.5	43.5	42.5		
3rd year after release.....	44.3	41.2	48.0	46.3	46.5			
4th year after release.....	47.8	43.3	50.1	49.0				
5th year after release.....	49.9	44.0	51.4					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	8.2	7.3	9.4	9.2	13.3	12.4	8.7	7.8
1st year after parole.....	20.5	25.6	24.8	26.6	30.0	30.5	23.6	
2nd year after parole.....	28.8	29.9	33.5	34.2	37.7	37.6		
3rd year after parole.....	33.1	33.8	36.8	37.1	40.0			
4th year after parole.....	35.2	35.2	38.8	38.5				
5th year after parole.....	36.7	35.7	39.9					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	3.0	0.8	2.7	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.5
1st year after parole.....	8.2	3.6	7.4	6.9	4.3	3.2	3.2	
2nd year after parole.....	10.1	5.6	9.2	8.1	5.8	4.9		
3rd year after parole.....	11.0	7.1	10.8	9.0	6.5			
4th year after parole.....	11.9	7.3	10.8	9.8				
5th year after parole.....	12.1	7.3	10.8					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	0.2	--	--	--	--
1st year after parole.....	--	--	--	0.2	--	--	--	--
2nd year after parole.....	--	--	0.2	0.2	--	--	--	--
3rd year after parole.....	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	--	--	--	--
4th year after parole.....	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	--	--	--	--
5th year after parole.....	1.1	1.0	0.7					

CHART XIII
FELONS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA PRISON EACH YEAR
AFTER RELEASE IN 1963 THROUGH 1968

RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
RETURNED FROM PAROLE,
RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

AS OF DECEMBER 31



The percentage of male felons in the robbery group returned by the end of the second year after release from prison varied from a high of 47.2 percent for the 1962 cohort year of release to a low of 38.4 percent for the 1966 cohort, Table 50. Of the robbers released to parole during 1968, 5.3 percent had been returned to prison without a new California commitment and 1.4 percent had been returned from parole with a new California commitment by the end of 1968, the year of release. The latter was the lowest percentage returned during the year of release for any of the eight years shown on this table. Of the 1963 cohort, 12.6 percent of the male felons paroled had been returned by December 31, 1963, the close of the release year. At the end of the fifth year after release slightly more than 52 percent of the robbers released in 1962 and in 1963 had been returned to prison.

Of the male felons released in 1968 who had been convicted of assault, 6.4 percent were returned to prison by the end of 1968. This was 3.2 percentage points less than the experience of the 1967 cohort, when 9.6 percent were returned by the close of 1967, Table 51. Of the male felons convicted of assault who had been paroled during 1968, 6.2 percent had been returned to prison by the close of 1968; all were without a new California felony commitment.

The percentage of men who had been returned by the end of the fifth year after release varies considerably for the assault offense group. These felons released in 1962 had 49.8 percent of their cohort returned to prison by the end of the fifth year after release, while the 1963 cohort had only 38.1 percent returned within a similar length of time, Table 51.

The burglars released from prison in 1967 had 11.3 percent of this group returned by the close of that year, while the burglary cohort released in 1968 had only 8.2 percent returned by the close of 1968, Table 52.

Of the male felon burglars who had been released to parole during 1968, 5.8 percent were returned without a new California felony commitment and 2.7 percent were returned with a new California felony commitment by the end of 1968.

Burglary was another offense group in which over 50 percent of the male felons released were returned to prison by the end of the fifth year after release. For the cohort release years of 1961, 1962, and 1963, the percentages of men returned by the end of the fifth year after release were 51.9, 51.5, and 52.0 percent, respectively.

Consideration must be given to the number of men released who had been convicted of forgery and check offenses. In 1962 a total of 1,703 men were released by parole or by discharge, while in 1968 this figure was 713 men, only two-fifths of the 1962 number. This decrease in the number released is a reflection of the decrease in intake of this offense group into prison.

TABLE 50
ROBBERYMALE FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

Cumulative Percentage As Of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	977	1,236	923	1,011	1,464	1,211	1,228	1,236
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	6.5	11.4	12.6	8.3	11.1	9.1	9.4	6.6
1st year after release.....	26.6	35.8	36.0	30.9	30.3	28.2	26.1	
2nd year after release.....	39.9	47.2	46.0	40.6	39.9	38.4		
3rd year after release.....	44.8	50.6	49.6	45.6	44.2			
4th year after release.....	47.6	52.0	51.8	47.6				
5th year after release.....	49.4	52.3	52.4					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	45	44	36	34	46	29	31	11
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	2.2	6.8	11.1	2.9	2.2	6.9	12.9	--
1st year after release.....	8.9	15.9	22.2	11.8	8.7	13.8	29.0	
2nd year after release.....	11.1	18.2	30.6	23.5	13.0	17.2		
3rd year after release.....	13.3	20.5	30.6	32.4	19.6			
4th year after release.....	20.0	29.5	36.1	35.3				
5th year after release.....	22.2	22.7	38.9					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	932	1,192	887	977	1,418	1,182	1,197	1,225
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	6.8	11.6	12.6	8.5	11.3	9.2	9.4	6.7
1st year after release.....	27.4	36.6	36.5	31.5	31.1	28.6	26.7	
2nd year after release.....	41.3	48.3	46.7	41.2	40.8	38.9		
3rd year after release.....	46.3	51.8	50.4	46.0	45.0			
4th year after release.....	48.9	53.2	52.4	48.0				
5th year after release.....	50.8	53.4	53.0					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	3.0	6.5	9.0	6.8	7.5	6.8	7.2	5.3
1st year after parole.....	14.1	20.8	24.8	22.4	19.5	19.6	19.1	
2nd year after parole.....	23.3	29.4	31.6	29.0	26.2	26.5		
3rd year after parole.....	26.4	31.7	33.5	31.8	28.6			
4th year after parole.....	27.6	32.6	34.7	32.7				
5th year after parole.....	27.9	32.6	35.1					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	3.8	5.1	3.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	2.1	1.4
1st year after parole.....	13.3	15.8	11.7	9.1	11.6	8.9	7.5	
2nd year after parole.....	17.9	18.9	15.1	12.2	14.3	12.3		
3rd year after parole.....	19.4	19.8	16.8	13.6	15.2			
4th year after parole.....	19.7	19.9	17.0	14.3				
5th year after parole.....	20.0	20.0	17.0					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.1	--
1st year after parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	0.1	0.1	--
2nd year after parole.....	0.1	--	--	--	0.3	0.1		
3rd year after parole.....	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	1.0			
4th year after parole.....	1.6	0.7	0.7	1.0				
5th year after parole.....	2.9	0.8	0.9					

TABLE 51
ASSAULT
MALE FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968

WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

Cumulative Percentage As Of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	190	237	197	199	279	238	270	280
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	3.7	11.4	13.2	8.5	8.6	7.1	9.6	6.4
1st year after release.....	22.1	27.0	29.4	29.1	25.4	20.6	24.4	
2nd year after release.....	36.8	43.0	35.0	35.2	30.1	29.0		
3rd year after release.....	42.1	48.5	35.0	39.2	33.0			
4th year after release.....	45.3	49.4	36.5	41.2				
5th year after release.....	45.3	49.8	38.1					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	10	19	16	14	32	13	22	23
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	--	5.3	--	--	3.1	--	--	8.7
1st year after release.....	10.0	5.3	6.2	--	3.1	--	4.6	
2nd year after release.....	20.0	10.5	12.5	--	3.1	--		
3rd year after release.....	30.0	15.7	12.5	14.3	9.4			
4th year after release.....	30.0	15.7	12.5	21.4				
5th year after release.....	30.0	15.7	18.8					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	180	218	181	185	247	225	248	257
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	3.9	11.9	14.4	9.2	9.3	7.6	10.5	6.2
1st year after release.....	22.8	28.9	31.5	31.3	28.4	21.7	26.2	
2nd year after release.....	37.8	45.8	37.0	37.8	33.6	30.7		
3rd year after release.....	42.7	51.4	37.0	41.0	36.0			
4th year after release.....	46.0	52.3	38.7	42.7				
5th year after release.....	46.0	52.8	39.8					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	3.3	10.1	13.3	8.6	6.9	5.8	8.9	6.2
1st year after parole.....	17.8	23.9	28.2	24.3	22.7	16.9	22.6	
2nd year after parole.....	30.6	39.4	32.6	28.6	27.5	24.0		
3rd year after parole.....	35.0	42.7	32.6	29.7	29.2			
4th year after parole.....	36.1	42.7	32.6	30.8				
5th year after parole.....	36.1	42.7	33.2					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.6	2.4	1.8	1.6	--
1st year after parole.....	5.0	6.0	3.3	7.0	5.7	4.4	3.2	
2nd year after parole.....	7.2	6.4	4.4	8.1	5.7	5.8		
3rd year after parole.....	7.7	7.8	4.4	8.6	6.1			
4th year after parole.....	7.7	7.8	4.4	8.6				
5th year after parole.....	7.7	7.8	4.4					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1st year after parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	0.4	0.4	--
2nd year after parole.....	--	--	--	1.1	0.4	0.9		
3rd year after parole.....	--	0.9	--	2.7	0.8			
4th year after parole.....	2.2	1.8	1.7	3.3				
5th year after parole.....	2.2	2.3	2.2					

TABLE 52
BURGLARY
MALE FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968

WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

Cumulative Percentage As Of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	1,361	1,760	1,372	1,687	2,063	1,518	1,690	1,371
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	11.0	12.4	13.9	10.6	13.9	9.4	11.3	8.2
1st year after release.....	34.2	37.3	38.0	36.0	34.5	30.4	31.0	
2nd year after release.....	45.3	44.5	46.6	43.2	42.4	37.0		
3rd year after release.....	48.3	48.4	49.3	46.2	46.8			
4th year after release.....	50.9	49.9	50.9	47.8				
5th year after release.....	51.9	51.5	52.0					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	133	191	182	239	255	154	124	82
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	4.5	6.8	6.8	3.8	5.1	2.6	0.8	3.7
1st year after release.....	18.0	16.2	13.5	11.3	13.7	11.0	8.1	
2nd year after release.....	24.0	19.9	17.9	18.4	16.9	14.9		
3rd year after release.....	29.3	23.0	20.4	21.8	18.8			
4th year after release.....	31.6	25.1	23.5	23.0				
5th year after release.....	34.6	26.7	24.7					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	1,228	1,569	1,210	1,448	1,808	1,364	1,566	1,289
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	11.7	13.1	14.9	11.7	15.1	10.2	12.2	8.5
1st year after release.....	36.0	39.8	41.2	40.1	37.4	32.6	32.8	
2nd year after release.....	47.5	47.6	50.5	47.2	46.0	40.2		
3rd year after release.....	50.4	51.5	53.1	50.3	50.2			
4th year after release.....	53.0	53.0	54.5	51.9				
5th year after release.....	53.8	54.5	55.6					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	6.4	6.3	9.4	7.8	10.1	6.5	9.1	5.8
1st year after parole.....	18.9	21.1	27.6	25.6	24.2	21.1	22.8	
2nd year after parole.....	25.4	24.0	33.3	29.8	29.3	25.8		
3rd year after parole.....	26.4	25.8	34.3	31.4	31.9			
4th year after parole.....	27.0	26.1	34.7	31.7				
5th year after parole.....	27.0	26.4	34.9					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	5.3	6.8	5.5	3.9	5.0	3.7	3.0	2.7
1st year after parole.....	17.1	18.4	13.6	14.2	13.1	11.4	9.8	
2nd year after parole.....	21.4	22.8	16.6	16.7	16.4	13.7		
3rd year after parole.....	21.9	23.7	17.4	17.2	17.1			
4th year after parole.....	22.2	23.9	17.4	17.5				
5th year after parole.....	22.2	24.0	17.6					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.1	--
1st year after parole.....	--	0.3	--	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	
2nd year after parole.....	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.7		
3rd year after parole.....	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.2			
4th year after parole.....	3.8	3.0	2.4	2.7				
5th year after parole.....	4.6	4.1	3.1					

Nearly 13 percent of the forgery and check offenders released in 1962 had been returned to prison during the year of release. This percentage of the 713 men released during 1968 dropped to 5.3 percent for those returned during the year of release. Of the 646 men released to parole in 1968, 4.0 percent were returned without a new California commitment and 1.6 percent were returned with a new California felony commitment by the end of 1968.

By the close of the fifth year after release 49.2 percent of the 1962 cohort and 44.4 percent of the 1963 cohort had been returned to prison. Both of these reflect a time of high admission and high release of male forgery and check writers, Table 53. When enough time has elapsed the experience will be available on the period when fewer persons of this offense were being placed in prison.

Opiate derivative and marijuana offenders released in 1968 had the highest percentage of male felons returned to prison during the year of release of any of the five offense groups in this particular study, a return of 9.5 percent by the end of the year. Although the 9.5 percent was the highest of any of the five groups studied, it was still the lowest for the opiate derivative and marijuana offenders returned during the year of release for any cohort year since the 1961 release, Table 54. Of the 1,304 male opiate derivative and marijuana offenders placed on parole during 1968, 8.7 percent were returned without a new California commitment and 1.1 percent were returned with a new California felony commitment by the close of the year of parole.

The male felon opiate derivative and marijuana offense group also had the highest percent returned by the end of the fifth year after release. The 1962 cohort, with 63.9 percent returned by the end of the fifth year after release, was the highest cohort of all offense groups studied.

TABLE 53
 FORGERY AND CHECKS
 MALE FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
 AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968

WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
 AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

Cumulative Percentage As Of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	1,421	1,703	1,186	1,694	1,450	1,119	960	713
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	9.3	12.7	9.4	10.7	10.1	8.0	7.6	5.3
1st year after release.....	30.2	32.6	30.0	28.9	25.4	25.8	22.7	
2nd year after release.....	40.0	41.9	39.6	36.1	32.2	32.9		
3rd year after release.....	43.9	46.1	42.1	38.5	35.3			
4th year after release.....	46.0	48.0	43.3	40.1				
5th year after release.....	46.7	49.2	44.4					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	180	200	160	283	282	188	127	67
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	7.2	7.5	3.8	3.9	5.0	3.0	2.4	3.0
1st year after release.....	15.6	17.0	13.8	16.3	13.8	11.3	7.1	
2nd year after release.....	21.1	24.5	21.9	25.1	19.1	12.5		
3rd year after release.....	23.3	31.0	24.4	25.8	21.6			
4th year after release.....	27.2	32.0	25.6	27.2				
5th year after release.....	27.2	33.5	27.5					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	1,241	1,503	1,028	1,411	1,168	951	833	646
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	9.6	13.4	10.3	12.1	11.3	8.9	8.4	5.6
1st year after release.....	32.3	34.7	32.6	31.4	28.2	28.4	25.1	
2nd year after release.....	42.7	44.3	42.4	38.3	35.4	36.5		
3rd year after release.....	46.9	48.2	44.8	41.1	38.6			
4th year after release.....	48.7	50.2	45.9	42.7				
5th year after release.....	49.6	51.3	47.0					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	4.9	5.7	5.9	7.6	6.8	4.6	5.0	4.0
1st year after parole.....	15.9	17.1	19.2	19.3	17.3	16.0	15.5	
2nd year after parole.....	21.7	22.3	24.6	22.9	21.7	20.6		
3rd year after parole.....	23.8	23.7	25.6	24.2	22.9			
4th year after parole.....	24.2	24.1	25.9	25.0				
5th year after parole.....	24.3	24.2	25.9					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	4.7	7.7	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.2	3.4	1.6
1st year after parole.....	16.4	17.5	13.3	12.0	10.8	12.2	9.6	
2nd year after parole.....	20.3	21.4	16.7	14.7	12.8	15.0		
3rd year after parole.....	21.2	22.6	17.5	15.7	13.7			
4th year after parole.....	21.8	22.6	17.6	16.0				
5th year after parole.....	21.9	22.8	17.7					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	0.1	--	--
1st year after parole.....	--	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	--	--
2nd year after parole.....	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.9		
3rd year after parole.....	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.2	2.0			
4th year after parole.....	2.7	3.5	2.4	1.7				
5th year after parole.....	3.4	4.3	3.4					

TABLE 54
OPIATE DERIVATIVE AND MARIJUANA OFFENSES
MALE FELONS RETURNED EACH YEAR TO CALIFORNIA PRISON
AFTER RELEASE FROM PRISON IN 1961-1968

WHO HAD BEEN RETURNED AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PRISON,
 AFTER RETURN FROM PAROLE, AND AFTER DISCHARGE FROM PAROLE

Cumulative Percentage As Of December 31

Year of return	Year of release from prison							
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Returned after release by parole or by discharge from prison								
Number.....	785	1,320	1,290	1,536	1,681	1,313	1,391	1,344
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	6.9	10.5	11.7	11.4	15.6	10.3	10.3	9.5
1st year after release.....	33.2	38.6	39.1	39.3	38.8	35.6	31.7	
2nd year after release.....	48.9	53.2	51.9	52.0	50.9	47.1		
3rd year after release.....	57.5	59.7	56.7	57.6	56.8			
4th year after release.....	60.5	62.0	59.6	60.1				
5th year after release.....	62.0	63.9	61.2					
Returned after discharge from prison								
Number.....	32	17	19	28	55	45	58	40
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	3.1	--	--	3.6	1.8	--	3.4	--
1st year after release.....	3.1	5.9	5.3	3.6	10.9	4.4	12.1	--
2nd year after release.....	9.4	17.6	15.8	21.4	18.2	13.3		
3rd year after release.....	15.6	29.4	21.1	25.0	21.8			
4th year after release.....	21.9	29.4	21.1	25.0				
5th year after release.....	25.0	35.3	21.1					
Returned after parole								
Number.....	753	1,303	1,271	1,508	1,626	1,268	1,333	1,304
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year of release.....	7.0	10.6	11.9	11.5	16.1	10.7	10.6	9.8
1st year after release.....	34.5	39.0	39.6	39.0	39.7	36.8	32.6	
2nd year after release.....	50.6	53.7	52.5	52.6	52.1	48.3		
3rd year after release.....	59.4	60.1	57.2	58.3	57.9			
4th year after release.....	62.1	62.4	60.2	60.7				
5th year after release.....	63.6	64.4	61.8					
Returned from parole without a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	5.2	8.7	10.6	10.1	14.0	9.1	9.6	8.7
1st year after parole.....	25.4	29.4	32.4	33.1	31.8	29.3	28.2	
2nd year after parole.....	38.6	41.0	42.2	42.1	41.3	38.3		
3rd year after parole.....	44.8	45.6	45.5	46.2	45.6			
4th year after parole.....	47.0	47.0	47.6	47.8				
5th year after parole.....	48.1	47.6	48.5					
Returned from parole with a new California felony commitment								
Year of parole.....	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.4	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.1
1st year after parole.....	8.1	9.4	7.2	6.8	7.7	7.5	4.4	
2nd year after parole.....	11.6	12.5	10.3	10.3	10.3	9.9		
3rd year after parole.....	14.1	14.3	11.7	11.6	11.6			
4th year after parole.....	14.4	14.9	12.3	12.0				
5th year after parole.....	14.6	15.7	12.4					
Returned with a new California felony commitment after discharge from parole								
Year of parole.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1st year after parole.....	--	0.2	--	--	0.2	--	--	--
2nd year after parole.....	0.4	0.2	--	0.2	0.6	0.1	--	--
3rd year after parole.....	0.5	0.2	--	0.5	0.7			
4th year after parole.....	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.9				
5th year after parole.....	0.9	1.1	0.9					

THE WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

Along with its many other programs, the Department of Corrections operates two that pertain to living in a semi-custodial situation and working or being trained in the community. The two programs are known as work and training furlough program and community correctional center program.

WORK FURLOUGH AND TRAINING FURLOUGH PROGRAM

Based upon the Huber plan and experience in Wisconsin, the California Legislature has adopted rehabilitation laws permitting the Director of Corrections to transfer selected individuals for placement in work or training in the community, thus better preparing them for their return to living in the free community. Persons in the work furlough program are counted as serving institution time. They have not been released to parole or discharged. In the furlough program the felon is permitted to report to regular free employment or attend vocational training classes in preparation for parole, but he must return to a semi-custodial environment such as the county jail or one of the community correctional centers. Most of the male felons in the furlough program were engaged in employment. Most of the women were enrolled in vocational training programs. Movement of felons in these two programs is shown in Table 55A for the men and in Table 55B for the women.

The number of male felons in the work furlough program increased from 19 on December 31, 1966 to 134 at the close of 1968, Table 55A. During 1968, 422 men were received, and 310 were released from the furlough programs. Parole was the major type of release, accounting for two-thirds of the men released.

The furlough programs for the women commenced February 2, 1967. There were 21 women in furlough programs on December 31, 1968, of whom 14 women were in training programs and seven women were working. During 1968, 49 women were received into the programs and 30 women were released from them. Of these 30 women released from the programs, 15 were placed on parole and 15 were returned to the institution, Table 55B. The women returned to the institution were principally those who completed their training program.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

The Department of Corrections also operated community correctional centers, two in the Los Angeles area and one in Oakland. These centers are: Rupert Crittenden Community Correctional Center, Vinewood Community Correctional Center, and Parkway Community Correctional Center. Since the Parkway Community Correctional Center residents are all male civil narcotic addicts, the data do not appear in this

TABLE 55A
MOVEMENT OF MALE FELONS IN WORK FURLOUGH AND TRAINING
FURLOUGH PROGRAMS
1967 and 1968

Type of movement	1967			1968				
	Total	County based	Communi- city correc- tional center	Total	County based	Community correctional center		
			Communi- city based			Communi- city based	Institution based	
							Work program	Train- ing program
Population, January 1...	19	17	2	22	21	1	--	--
Received in program...	113	109	4	422	230	54	122	16
From Institution...	113	109	4	421	230	54	121	16
Transferred to work program from vo- cational training...	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--
Released from program	110	105	5	310	182	37	83	8
Discharged.....	6	6	--	7	6	--	1	--
Paroled.....	71	69	2	206	122	25	55	4
Died.....	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--
Escaped.....	10	8	2	15	10	4	1	--
Returned to prison...	23	22	1	80	44	8	25	3
Transferred from vocational train- ing to work pro- gram.....	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Population, December 31	22	21	1	134	69	18	39	8

Note: Work furlough program county based started April 18, 1968. Institution based correctional center opened April 26, 1968.

report. The Oakland facility, Rupert Crittenden Community Correctional Center, opened August 26, 1965, as a facility for housing male felons on parole. However, the facility now houses male felons in the work furlough programs also. On December 31, 1968, there were 29 felon parolees and 18 work furlough felons in the correctional center, plus six men with civil narcotic addict commitments, and one parolee from another state, Table 56A.

The Vinewood Community Correctional Center was opened August 10, 1965, as a community facility for women narcotic addicts under civil commitment to the Director of Corrections. Women felon parolees were first admitted to the Vinewood Center on January 17, 1968, while women felons in the work furlough programs were first admitted October 15, 1968. At the end of the year, the Vinewood facility was shared by four women felon parolees, five women felons in the furlough programs serving institution terms and 13 women in the civil narcotic addict outpatient program, Table 56B.

TABLE 55B
MOVEMENT OF WOMEN FELONS IN WORK FURLOUGH AND
TRAINING FURLOUGH PROGRAMS
1967 and 1968

Type of movement	1967	1968				
	Total— County based	Total	County based	Community correctional center		
				Communi- ty based	Institution based	
					Work program	Training program
Population, January 1.....	--	2	2	--	--	--
Received in program.....	7	49	4	7	1	37
Released from program.....	5	30	5	2	--	23
Paroled.....	5	15	5	--	--	10
Returned to prison.....	--	15	--	2	--	13
Population, December 31.....	2	21	1	5	1	14

Note: Work furlough program started February 2, 1967. Institution based correctional center opened January 15, 1968.

TABLE 36A
POPULATION AND MOVEMENT
RUPERT CRITTENDEN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER
MALE FELON PAROLEES AND MALE FELONS IN THE WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAM
January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1968

Type of movement	Total	Felon parolees	Felons in work furlough
Population, January 1, 1968.....	45	44	1
Total received.....	331	277	54
Admission:			
1st admission.....	264	210	54
Institution and Narcotic Treatment Control Unit.....	211	157	54
Independent residence.....	53	53	--
Re-admission.....	38	38	--
Independent residence.....	34	34	--
Custody.....	4	4	--
Return to Center.....	29	29	--
Custody.....	19	19	--
Unauthorized leave.....	6	6	--
County hospital.....	4	4	--
Total removed.....	329	292	37
Released to:			
Independent residence.....	184	159	25
Unauthorized leave.....	93	89	4
Custody.....	34	34	--
County hospital.....	6	6	--
Institution and Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.....	9	1	8
Discharged from parole.....	2	2	--
Died.....	1	1	--
Population, December 31, 1968.....	47	29	18

Note: This Center also housed six narcotic addicts under civil commitment and one parolee from out of state on December 31, 1968.

TABLE 56B
POPULATION AND MOVEMENT

VINEWOOD COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

WOMEN FELON PAROLEES AND WOMEN FELONS IN THE WORK FURLOUGH PROGRAM

January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1968

Type of movement	Total	Felon parolees	Felons in work furlough
Population, January 1, 1968.....	--	--	--
Total received.....	45	38	7
Admission:			
1st admission.....	37	30	7
Institution.....	27	20	7
Independent residence.....	8	8	--
Custody.....	2	2	--
Re-admission.....	1	1	--
Independent residence.....	1	1	--
Return to VCC Center.....	7	7	--
Unauthorized leave.....	6	6	--
County hospital.....	1	1	--
Total removed.....	36	34	2
Released to:			
Independent residence.....	9	9	--
Unauthorized leave.....	22	22	--
Custody.....	2	2	--
County hospital.....	1	1	--
Institution.....	2	--	2
Population, December 31, 1968.....	9	4	5

Note: This Center opened August 10, 1965 for women narcotic addicts under civil commitment to the Director of Corrections. The Center housed 13 women civil narcotic addicts on December 31, 1968, as well as the population above. Women felons were first admitted to this Center in 1968.

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APPENDIX I—1967 AND 1968 POPULATION BY INSTITUTION December 31, 1967 and 1968

Institution and camp	Population as of		Population change 1968 less 1967
	12-31-67	12-31-68	
Total population.....	27,741	28,462	721
Male total.....	26,658	27,396	738
Felons.....	22,904	23,504	600
Regular units.....	22,719	23,176	457
Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit (suspended).....	62	61	-1
Short term return unit.....	101	101	--
Felon addict program.....	--	32	32
Community correctional center.....	--	47	47
Work furlough.....	22	87	65
Felon parolees in Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit (non-suspended).....	102	71	-31
Youth Authority.....	1,228	980	-248
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	2,070	2,517	447
Other.....	354	324	-30
Women total.....	1,083	1,066	-17
Felons.....	764	680	-84
Regular units.....	762	659	-103
Community correctional center.....	--	15	15
Work furlough.....	2	6	4
Youth Authority.....	17	13	-4
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	283	339	56
Other.....	19	34	15
Institution total.....	23,602	24,211	609
Reception-Guidance Center total.....	1,640	1,655	15
Camp total.....	2,475	2,503	28
State forestry camps.....	2,356	2,387	31
Road camps.....	119	116	-3
Work furlough total.....	24	93	69
MEN			
Conservation.....	5,134	5,027	-107
California Conservation Center.....	2,278	2,220	-58
Center at Susanville.....	1,559	1,597	-82
Institution (includes Antelope Camp).....	1,210	1,146	-64
Camp total.....	449	451	2
State forestry camps.....	387	393	6
Road camps.....	62	58	-4
North Coast Branch Conservation Center.....	619	623	4
Institution (includes Eel River Camp).....	102	98	-4
Camp total.....	517	525	8
State forestry camps.....	460	467	7
Road camps.....	57	58	1
Sierra Conservation Center.....	1,737	1,764	27
Institution (includes Baseline Camp).....	1,192	1,201	9
Short term return unit.....	4	1	-3
Camp total.....	541	562	21
State forestry camps.....	541	562	21

APPENDIX I—1967 AND 1968—Continued

POPULATION BY INSTITUTION

December 31, 1967 and 1968

Institution and camp	Population as of		Population change 1968 less 1967
	12-31-67	12-31-68	
MEN—Continued			
Conservation—Continued			
Southern Conservation Center.....	1,119	1,043	-76
Institution (includes Prado Camp).....	630	547	-83
Felons.....	574	482	-92
Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.....	56	65	9
Suspended.....	19	28	9
Non-suspended.....	37	37	--
Camp total.....	489	496	7
State forestry camps.....	489	496	7
California Correctional Institution*.....	1,054	1,285	231
Felons.....	931	750	-181
Short term return unit.....	--	3	3
Felon addict program.....	--	32	32
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	123	500	377
Correctional Training Facility.....	2,767	3,054	287
Central.....	1,585	1,579	-6
Felons and other.....	1,582	1,576	-6
Short term return unit.....	3	3	--
North.....	1,182	1,220	38
Felons and other.....	1,182	1,220	38
South.....	†	255	255
Felons and other.....	--	254	254
Short term return unit.....	--	1	1
Dauel Vocational Institution.....	1,811	1,838	27
Institution.....	1,486	1,573	87
Felons.....	679	959	280
Youth Authority.....	807	614	-193
Reception-Guidance Center.....	325	265	-60
Felons and other.....	3	1	-2
Youth Authority.....	322	264	-58
Institution for Men.....	1,642	1,804	162
Institution.....	1,109	1,231	122
Felons and other.....	950	1,091	141
Community Correctional Center.....	--	45	45
Short term return unit.....	87	69	-18
Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.....	69	26	-43
Suspended.....	31	10	-21
Non-suspended.....	38	16	-22
Youth Authority.....	2	--	-2
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	1	--	-1
Reception-Guidance Center.....	533	573	40
Felons and other.....	501	545	44
Youth Authority.....	12	7	-5
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	20	21	1
Medical Facility.....	2,051	2,141	90
Institution.....	1,349	1,397	48
Felons and other.....	1,280	1,329	49
Youth Authority.....	58	52	-6
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	11	16	5
Reception-Guidance Center.....	702	744	42
Felons and other.....	693	722	29
Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.....	--	1	1
Suspended.....	--	1	1
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	9	21	12

APPENDIX I—1967 AND 1968—Continued

POPULATION BY INSTITUTION

December 31, 1967 and 1968

Institution and camp	Population as of		Population change 1968 less 1967
	12-31-67	12-31-68	
MEN—Continued			
Mens Colony.....	3,764	3,782	18
East.....	2,380	2,350	-30
Felons.....	2,370	2,285	-85
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	10	65	55
West.....	1,309	1,354	45
Felons.....	1,308	1,352	44
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	1	2	1
Camp total—State forestry camp.....	75	78	3
Rehabilitation Center.....	1,988	2,002	14
Felons (work crew).....	67	68	1
Youth Authority.....	26	43	17
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Sec- tion 3000 et seq.....	1,895	1,891	-4
State Prison at Folsom.....	2,586	2,571	-15
Felons and other.....	2,581	2,568	-13
Short term return unit.....	5	3	-2
State Prison at San Quentin.....	3,839	3,805	-34
Felons and other.....	3,797	3,745	-52
Community Correctional Center.....	--	2	2
Short term return unit.....	2	20	18
Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.....	39	37	-2
Suspended.....	12	21	9
Non-suspended.....	27	16	-11
Youth Authority.....	1	--	-1
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Sec- tion 3000 et seq.....	--	1	1
Work furlough—men.....	22	87	65
WOMEN			
California Institution for Women.....	779	709	-70
Institution.....	699	636	-63
Felons and other.....	685	613	-72
Community Correctional Center.....	--	15	15
Youth Authority.....	10	7	-3
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	4	1	-3
Reception-Guidance Center.....	80	73	-7
Felons and other.....	78	72	-6
Youth Authority.....	2	--	-2
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Section 3000 et seq.....	--	1	1
California Rehabilitation Center—Women—Corona.....	302	351	49
Felons.....	18	8	-10
Youth Authority.....	5	6	1
Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W&I Code Sec- tion 3000 et seq.....	279	337	58
Work furlough—women.....	2	6	4

* Civil narcotic addict unit opened in California Correctional Institution on November 15, 1967.

† South Facility closed October 26, 1967 and reopened on July 22, 1968.

APPENDIX IIA
INSTITUTION POPULATION AND MOVEMENT OF MALES
BY TYPE OF SUBPOPULATION
1968

Type of movement	Males									
	Total	Felon					Felon parolees in NTCU*	Youth Authority wards	Narcotic addicts civilly committed†	Other males†
		Total	Institution	NTCU*	Short term return unit	Felon addict program				
Population, January 1.....	26,658	22,904	22,741	62	101	--	102	1,228	2,070	354
Total received.....	19,292	10,825	10,180	268	331	46	509	2,932	3,560	1,466
New commitments from court.....	6,222	4,667	4,667	--	--	--	--	--	1,555	--
Parolees returned.....	4,334	2,693	2,074	260	320	39	--	--	1,641	--
With new commitment.....	876	703	703	--	--	--	--	--	173	--
Without new commitment.....	3,458	1,990	1,371	280	320	39	--	--	1,468	--
Escapes returned.....	242	240	240	--	--	--	--	1	1	--
Returned from court.....	3,242	2,698	2,689	5	1	3	--	150	350	44

Returned from State hospital.....	8				8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
From Youth Authority.....	2,774	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,774	--	--	--	--
From parole to NTCU*.....	609	--	--	--	--	--	--	509	--	--	--	--
All other†.....	1,961	519	--	--	502	3	10	7	13	1,422	--	--
Total released.....	18,554	10,225			9,615	269	331	3,180	3,113	1,496	--	--
Discharged at expiration of sentence.....	453	429			420	2	7	--	24	--	--	--
First release (never paroled).....	203	203	--	--	203	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Re-release.....	250	226	--	--	217	2	7	--	24	--	--	--
Paroled.....	8,520	6,021	--	--	5,530	249	230	--	2,508	--	--	--
First parole.....	4,762	3,564	--	--	3,564	--	--	--	1,198	--	--	--
Repardle.....	3,757	2,457	--	--	1,975	249	230	--	1,310	--	--	--
Died.....	100	94	--	--	93	1	--	--	4	2	--	--
Executed.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Escaped.....	243	239	--	--	238	1	--	2	2	--	--	--
To court.....	3,364	2,786			2,776	4	1	180	379	49	--	--
To State hospitals.....	8	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
To Youth Authority.....	3,020	--	--	--	--	--	--	3,020	--	--	--	--
To parole from NTCU*.....	540	--	--	--	--	--	--	540	--	--	--	--
All other ‡.....	2,297	648	--	--	541	13	93	8	109	1,445	--	--
Population, December 31.....	27,396	23,504			23,306	61	101	980	2,517	324	--	--
Population change.....	788	600	--	--	565	-1	--	248	447	-30	--	--

* Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit.

[†] Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W & I Code Section 3000 et seq.

Includes recalcitrant tuberculars, mentally disordered sex offenders, felons from other states, county diagnostic cases, Mental Hygiene cases, federal prisoners, and safekeepers.

includes persons discharged by court order; transferred among institutions, Narcotic Treatment-Control Unit, short term return unit and felon addict program; and released for parole job interview.

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APPENDIX IIB

INSTITUTION POPULATION AND MOVEMENT OF WOMEN
BY TYPE OF SUBPOPULATION
1968

Type of movement	Women				
	Total	Felons	Youth Authority wards	Narcotic addicts civilly committed*	Other women†
Population, January 1.....	1,083	764	17	283	19
Total received.....	1,322	620	11	508	183
New commitments from court.....	510	282	--	228	--
Parolees returned.....	469	241	--	228	--
With new commitment.....	55	35	--	20	--
Without new commitment.....	414	206	--	208	--
Escapees returned.....	11	10	--	--	1
Returned from court.....	122	71	1	49	1
Returned from State hospitals.....	14	13	--	1	--
From Youth Authority.....	9	--	9	--	--
All other‡.....	187	8	1	2	181
Total released.....	1,339	704	15	452	168
Discharged at expiration of sentence.....	13	11	--	2	--
First release (never paroled).....	2	2	--	--	--
Re-release.....	11	9	--	2	--
Paroled.....	967	583	--	374	--
First parole.....	513	318	--	195	--
Reparole.....	454	275	--	179	--
Died.....	--	--	--	--	--
Executed.....	--	--	--	--	--
Escaped.....	14	13	--	--	1
To court.....	121	69	1	48	8
To State hospitals.....	14	12	--	2	--
To Youth Authority.....	13	--	13	--	--
All other‡.....	197	6	1	26	164
Population, December 31.....	1,066	680	13	339	34
Population change.....	-17	-84	-4	56	15

* Narcotic addicts civilly committed under W & I Code 3000 et seq.

† Includes recalcitrant tuberculars, felons from other states, county diagnostic cases, Mental Hygiene cases, federal prisoners, and safekeepers.

‡ Includes persons discharged by court order and persons released for preparole job interview.

APPENDIX III
COUNTY OR AREA OF COMMITMENT
FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

County or area of commitment	1967		1968	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Total.....	4,872	272	4,667	282
Southern California.....	3,117	190	2,912	176
Los Angeles County.....	1,895	116	1,824	110
9 other counties.....	1,222	74	1,088	66
Imperial.....	53	--	35	3
Kern.....	113	4	108	6
Orange.....	197	9	172	10
Riverside.....	146	3	135	5
San Bernardino.....	212	9	187	7
San Diego.....	371	42	352	32
San Luis Obispo.....	14	2	12	--
Santa Barbara.....	61	4	43	2
Ventura.....	55	1	44	1
San Francisco Bay Area.....	718	27	693	51
Alameda County.....	190	9	181	15
San Francisco County.....	195	6	185	17
7 other counties.....	333	12	347	19
Contra Costa.....	83	3	73	6
Marin.....	14	3	14	--
Napa.....	7	1	19	--
San Mateo.....	71	2	69	7
Santa Clara.....	107	3	109	5
Solano.....	18	--	26	1
Sonoma.....	33	--	37	--
Balance of State.....	1,037	55	1,062	55
10 Sacramento Valley counties.....	418	20	419	23
Butte.....	46	--	47	2
Colusa.....	4	--	2	--
Glenn.....	9	--	4	--
Placer.....	16	--	15	--
Sacramento.....	269	19	278	20
Shasta.....	25	--	28	--
Sutter.....	9	--	8	1
Tehama.....	12	1	7	--
Yolo.....	17	--	18	--
Yuba.....	11	--	12	--
7 San Joaquin Valley counties.....	428	23	465	21
Fresno.....	123	7	156	6
Kings.....	9	--	20	1
Madera.....	16	1	14	2
Merced.....	35	--	25	--
San Joaquin.....	99	8	93	4
Stanislaus.....	120	5	99	8
Tulare.....	26	2	58	--

APPENDIX III—Continued

COUNTY OR AREA OF COMMITMENT
FELONS NEWLY RECEIVED FROM COURT
1967 and 1968

County or area of commitment	1967		1968	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
22 other counties.....	191	12	178	11
Alpine.....	1	--	--	--
Amador.....	1	--	1	1
Calaveras.....	2	--	3	--
Del Norte.....	12	--	8	--
El Dorado.....	3	--	3	--
Humboldt.....	23	1	19	3
Inyo.....	4	1	2	--
Lake.....	4	2	6	--
Lassen.....	3	1	8	1
Mariposa.....	2	--	1	--
Mendocino.....	14	--	16	--
Modoc.....	3	--	6	--
Mono.....	2	--	--	--
Monterey.....	54	1	48	3
Nevada.....	4	1	12	--
Plumas.....	2	--	1	--
San Benito.....	1	--	2	--
Santa Cruz.....	37	5	27	3
Sierra.....	1	--	1	--
Siskiyou.....	13	--	10	--
Trinity.....	2	--	--	--
Tuolumne.....	3	--	4	--

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